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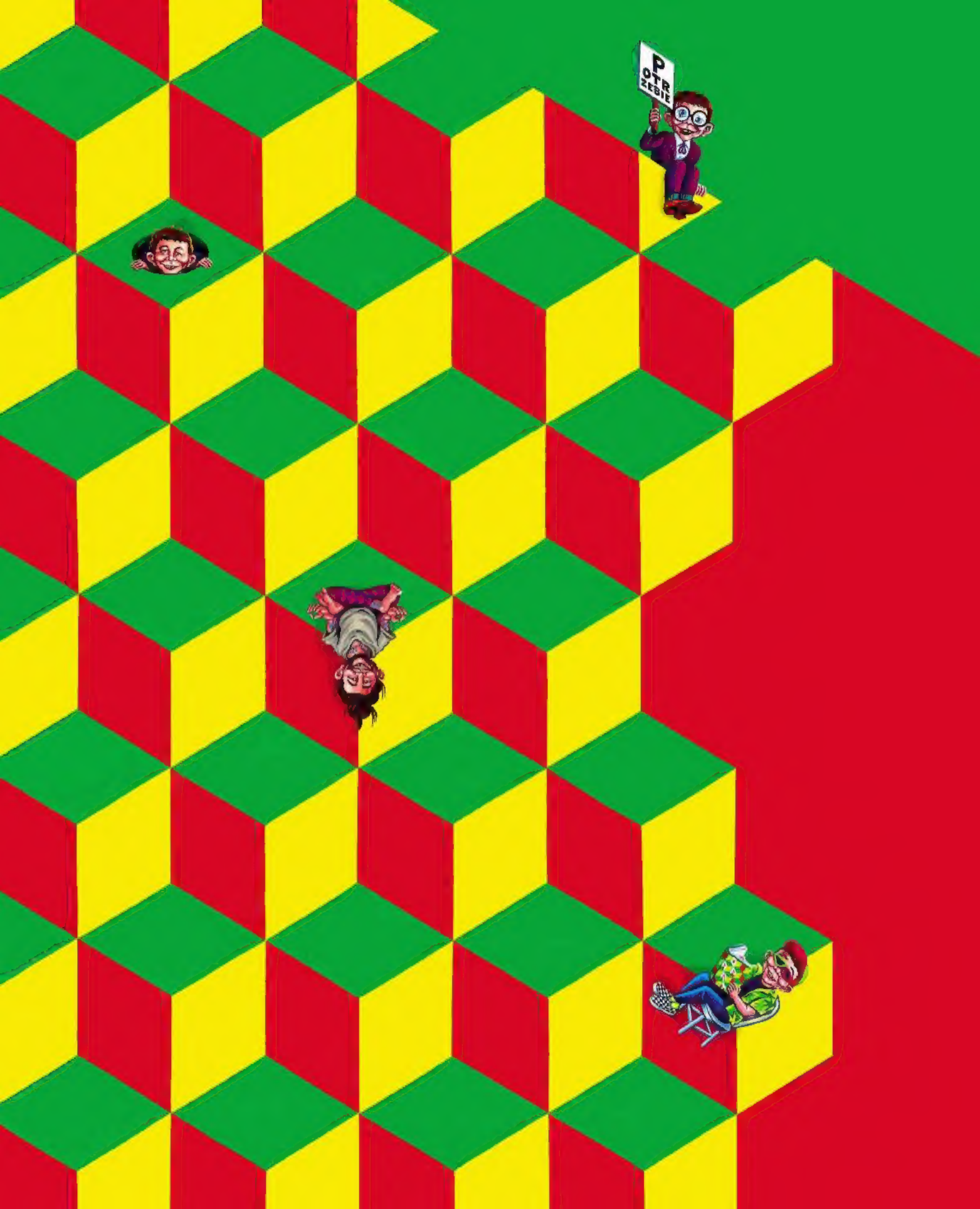
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Daddy keeps driving people away, Donald Jr. What are we to do?

Why are you asking me, Ivanka? You're the First Lady!

Stop saying that! It may be true, but stop saying it!

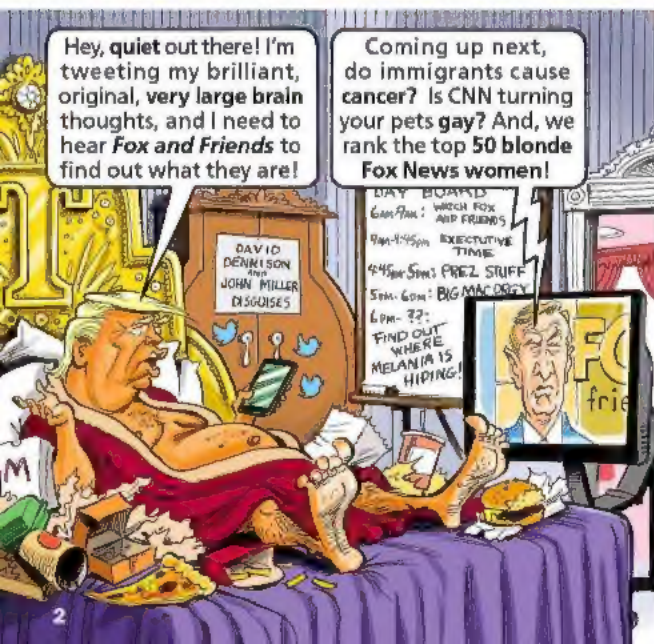
President Trump is totally *Unhinged!*

And it's still available on Amazon—80% off!

He's too crazy, even for me, and I have conspiratorial debates with my own stool!

And everyone thought my complexion was a disaster!

I'm outta here! Kiss that sweet SNL gig goodbye, McCarthy!



Hey, quiet out there! I'm tweeting my brilliant, original, very large brain thoughts, and I need to hear *Fox and Friends* to find out what they are!

Coming up next, do immigrants cause cancer? Is CNN turning your pets gay? And, we rank the top 50 blonde Fox News women!

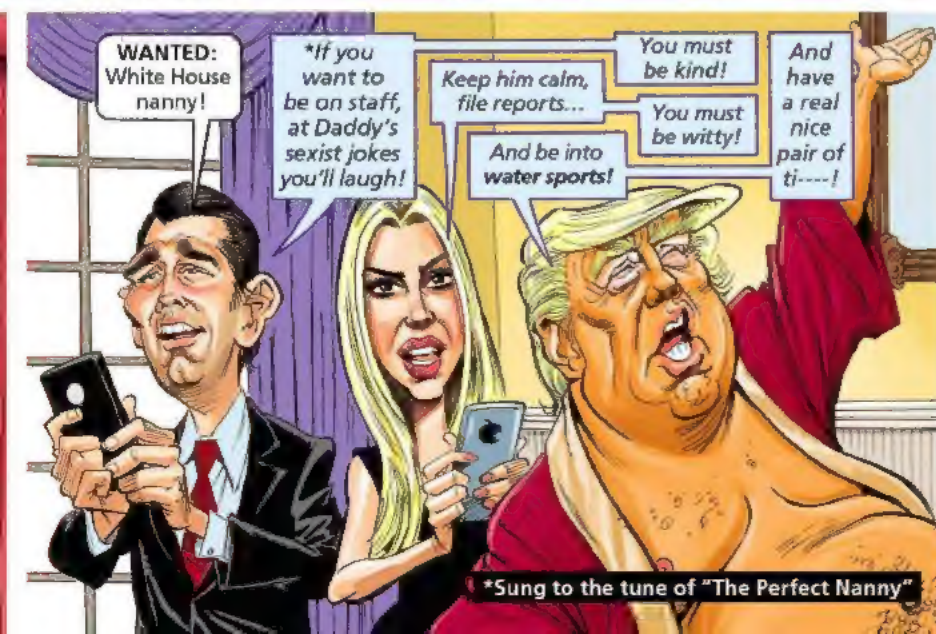


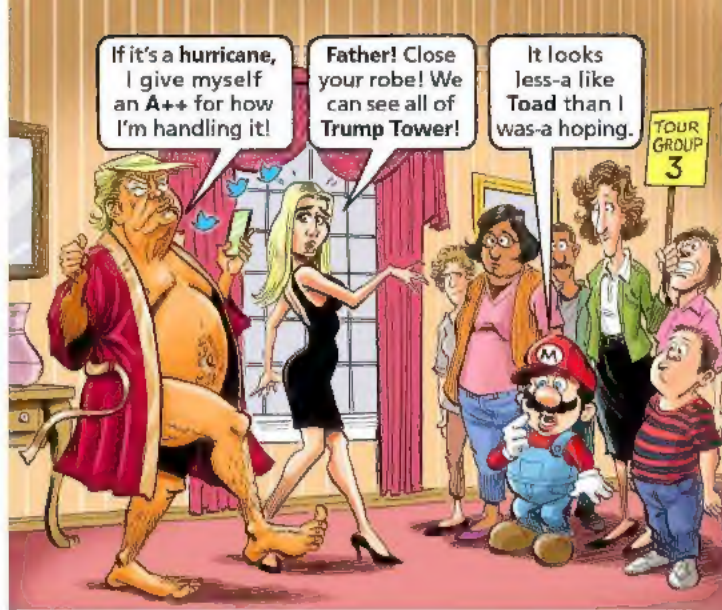
What about the Internet? Maybe we can find someone there to take care of father and fix the dysfunction in the White House!

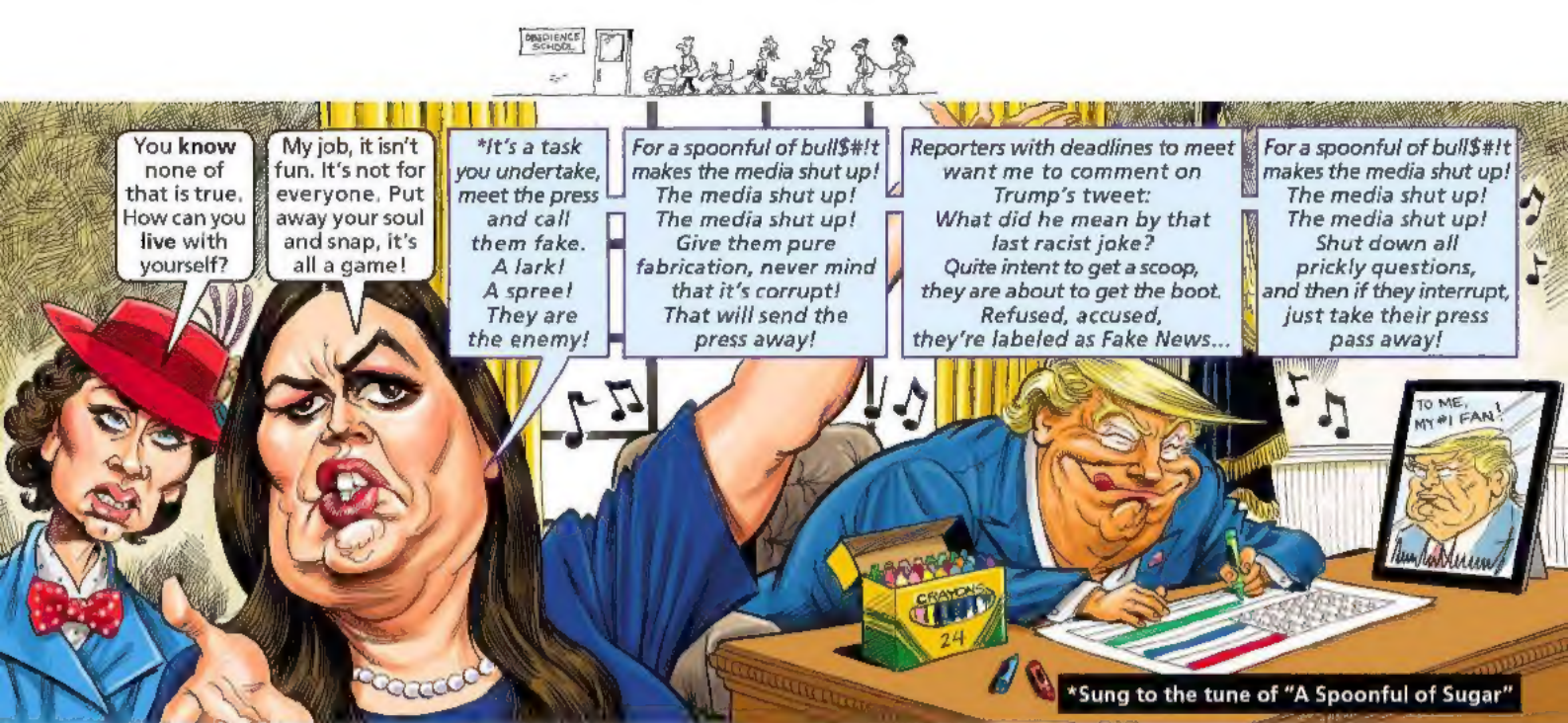
May I have some ice cream, please?

I don't know, Jared. Did you bring peace to the Middle East, finish your liaison work with China, Mexico, and the Muslim community, and solve the opioid crisis yet?

Maa-aaa-aaa-aay-be.



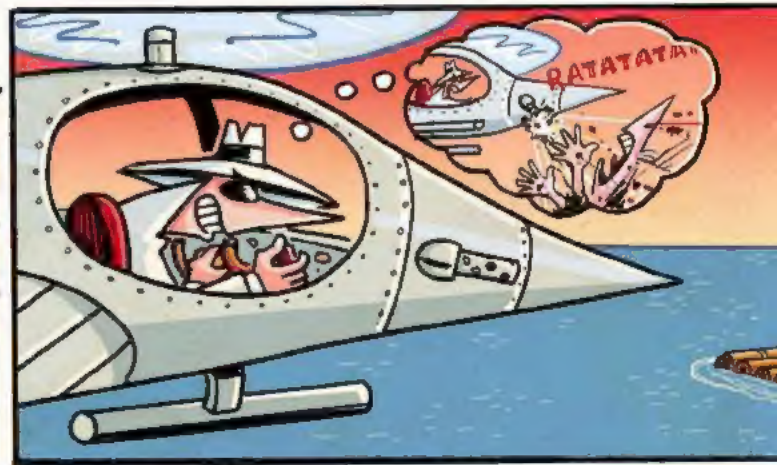






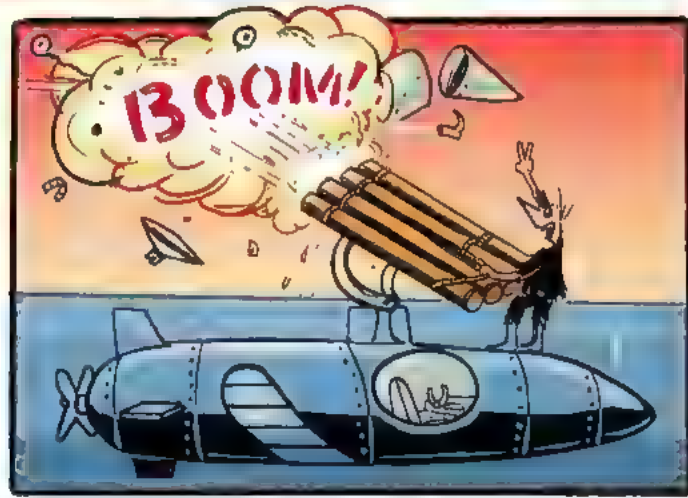
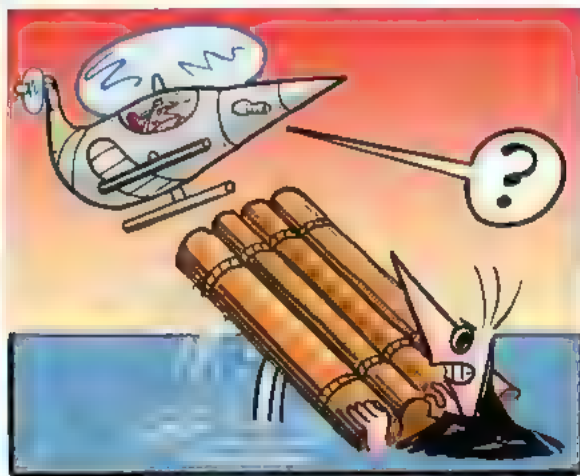
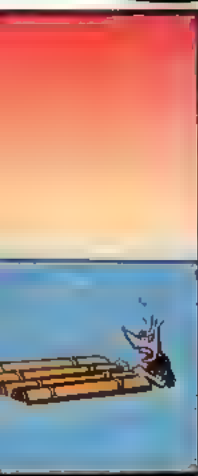
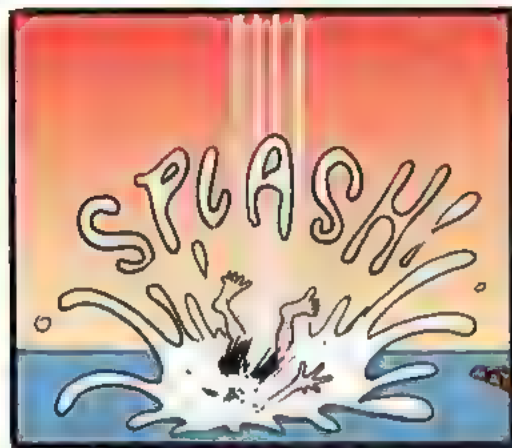
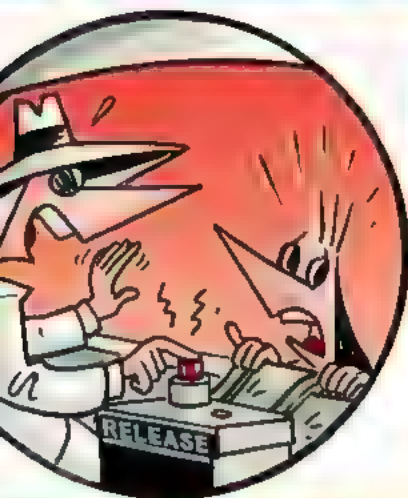
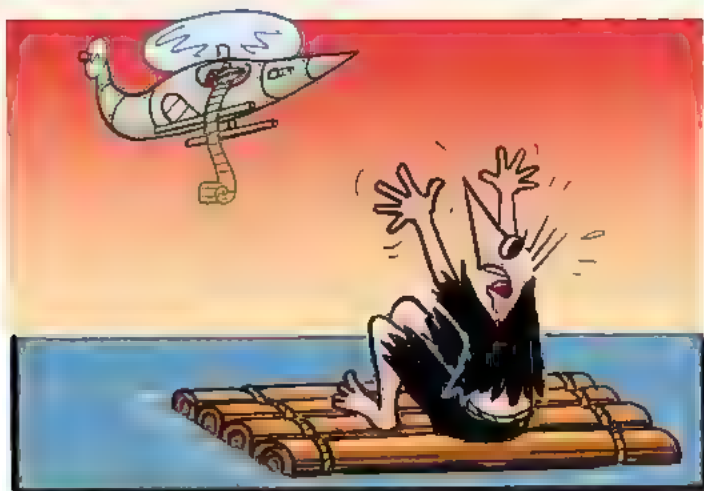
"Nothing is certain except for death and taxes, unless you're rich, then just death."





SPY vs SPY





KUPER

SPILL YOUR GUTS URGENT

The smells, the sickness, the tubes stuck in the people, the hospital. What's worse than being a patient? Visiting, that's what. Well, that's if you're the visitor and you're the kind of person who would rather get abducted by circus people than go see Granny at St. Harriet's. But, we're here for you, helping you to make lemonade out of urine-filled bags, and lending you some tips on making the best of bad things with this month's installment, so...

LET'S HAVE

FUN

WITH A HOSPITAL VISIT!

WRITER & ARTIST

TERESA BUCHANAN FARRINGTON

Enjoy the freedom of farting as often as you please, because no one will assume it's you.



Learn how to tray-surf.



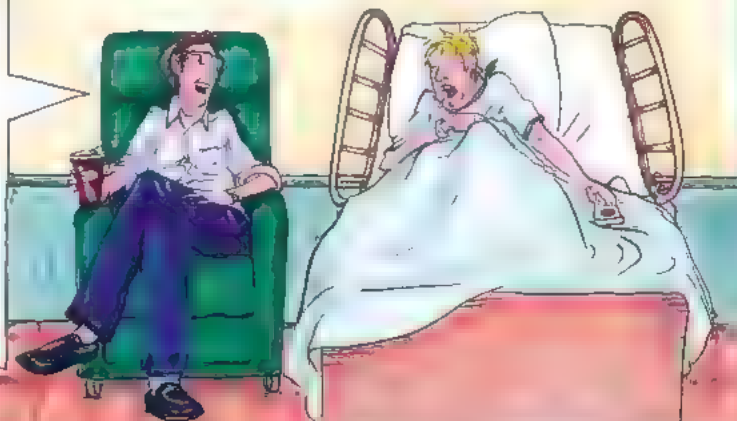
Instead of pretending those curtains provide any privacy, just join in on conversations with the roommate.

Listen Al, it's Al, right? Gail here is absolutely correct, Your negative attitude is NOT helping those ulcers heal. And dropping thirty pounds or so wouldn't hurt anything either.

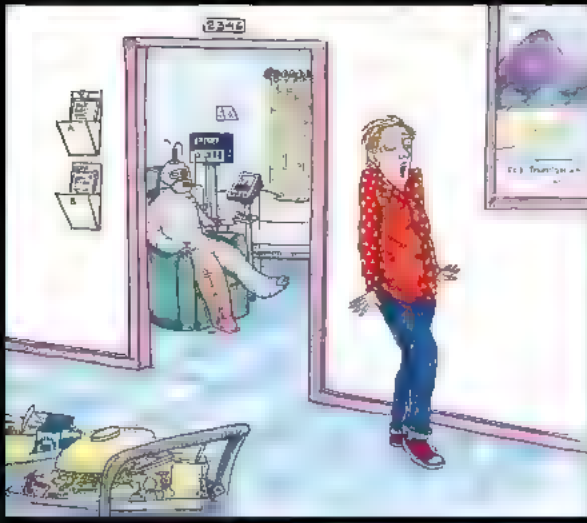


When your friend or relative nods off, as they inevitably will, say things to them you normally wouldn't.

You know, I cannot stand that ever-present strand of spit connected to Your Lips that stretches every time You talk. Also, I don't EVER listen when You tell me Your golf scores. Oh, and I've never met anyone with worse Rhythm.



Receive terrifying thrills by looking into other rooms.



While the patient enjoys the take-out meal you kindly supplied, record yourself doing a cooking show with what the hospital passes off as dinner.



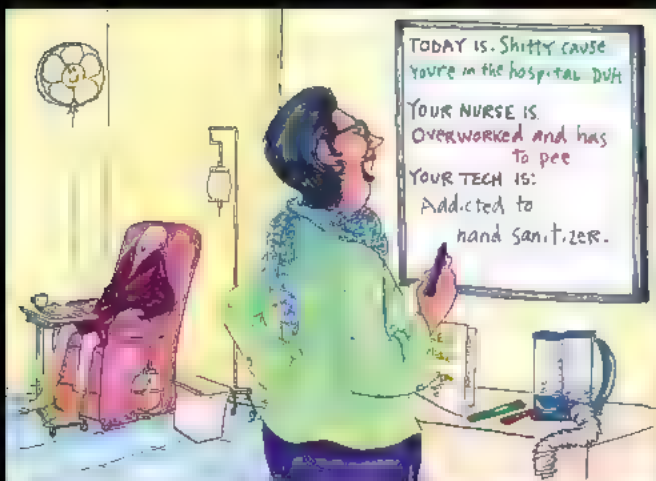
Enjoy a good game of Guess That Smell!



Get creative when arranging the flowers you brought.



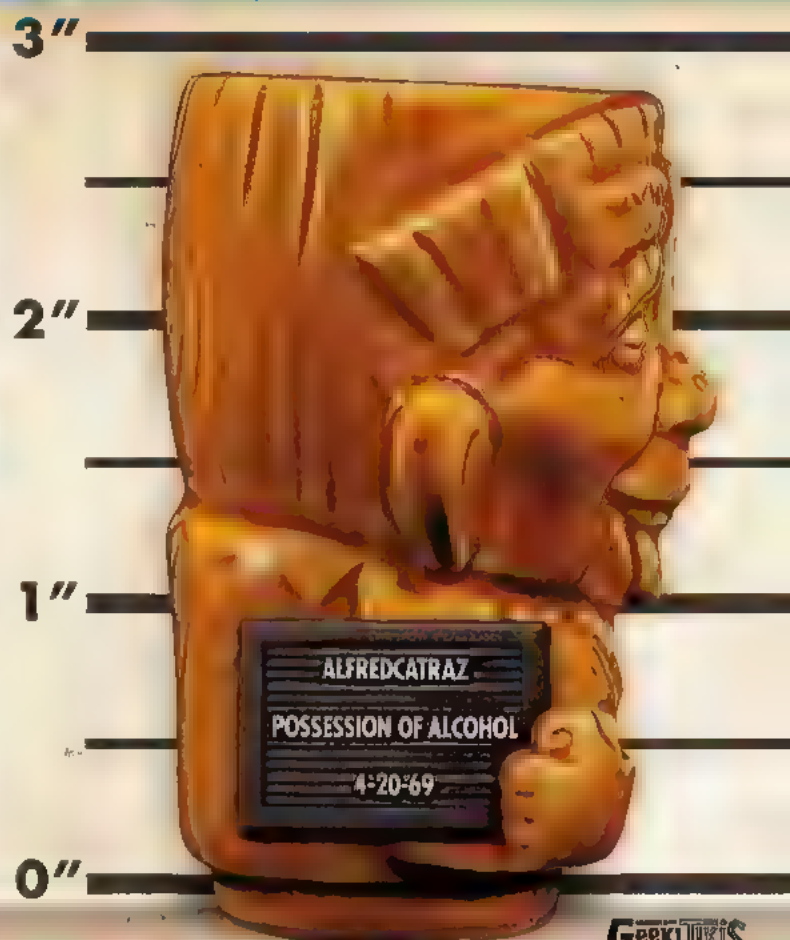
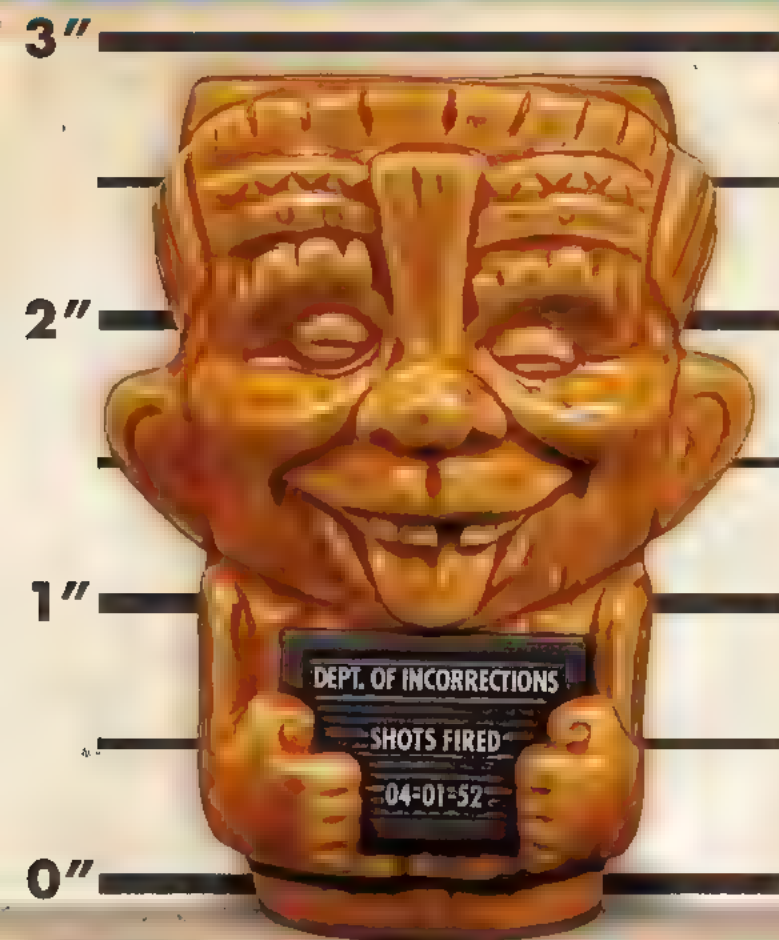
Change the dry-erase board until it pleases you.



Bring along a roll of duct tape and make some extra cash.



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WINTER WISDOM

FROSTY THE SNOWPERSON

Why have you made me emotionally capable of love, but not physically capable?

Well I wanted to give you a penis but he said you should be gender non-normative.

Would you like some nipples? *Everyone* has those.

No, I want arms that are strong enough to tip my hat to a passing woman.

I think if you take the magic hat off you die.

Can you shape me into something more realistic? Or at least capable of hugging?

Sure!

Hours later...

You call these arms? And look at the rest of me. What have you done?!

Too many cooks in the kitchen, I guess. We're not professional sculptors.

Some people would be grateful to be brought to life. If you're *that* dissatisfied, just wait until spring and you'll melt away.

That spring...

Help! It didn't work.

I'm still alive but now I'm just a puddle. *Hello?*



HOMELAND UNSIRETY DEPT

After 9/11, the Department of Homeland Security created a simple motto that would inadvertently (or intentionally, depending on who you ask) encourage racial profiling: "If You See Something, Say Something." In the past two years, for some reason, black Americans are enduring racial profiling more than ever. With so many recent incidents of police being summoned for "suspicious" behavior, we think it's time to update the motto and curb the newest terrorism threat.

IF YOU

are white and

SEE

a black person doing

SOMETHING

that would be innocuous if another white person were doing it for God's sake DON'T

SAY

SOMETHING.

JUST SHUT THE HELL UP!

AD PARODY

Cut out this poster and post it on a telephone pole, at work, or anywhere else people do normal, completely legal things!

WRITER STAN SINBERG

THE WISENHEIM MUSEUM

Over its notorious 68-year history, MAD has left its mark on (some might say scarred) generations of creative types! Here in The Wisenheim Museum, we invite these visionaries to pay tribute to (some might say get back at) the magazine that set them on their creative (some might say degenerate) course!

PATIENT ALFRED

by BILL WRAY

Rapid MAD fans know Bill Wray as the co-creator of the popular strip *Monroe* (which he illustrated from 1997 until 2006), and the many other frenetic MAD pieces he's drawn over the years. Bill made his career as a storyboard and layout artist and background painter, and is famous for his work on the beloved *Ren & Stimpy Show*. When he's not drawing comics or creating animated cartoons, Bill ventures out of doors with paint and canvas to document the fast-vanishing urban landscapes of California.

Bill's love of comics and cartoons began as a child. He belonged to a military family that frequently uprooted, living in Germany, Vietnam, and Hong Kong. It was lonely at times, but he filled the empty hours reading comic books and watching cartoons (and, we can only assume, reading a lot of MAD Magazines!).

Bill painted this Alfred as an alternate cover for MAD #1 (and boy, do we mean "alternate") which sadly never graced newsstands. We're excited to share its idiotic, punky grandeur with you now!

Bill Wray and his wondrous works of art can be found on the web at williamwray.com





LOVE AT FIRST SWIPE DEPT.

Back in the day, budding sweeties took it to the next level by offering a letterman jacket, a promise ring, and a cherry phosphate. Kids these days don't need jackets due to global warming, are wary of blood diamonds, and try to avoid the health risks of sugary drinks. With that in mind, here are the...

MODERN STEPS TO Make it Official

STEP 1
DELETE YOUR DATING PROFILES!



STEP 2
SINCE YOU NO LONGER NEED FRIENDS,
THROW YOUR PHONES INTO THE OCEAN!



STEP 3
COMBINE YOUR STUDENT LOANS
INTO ONE SHARED ACCOUNT!



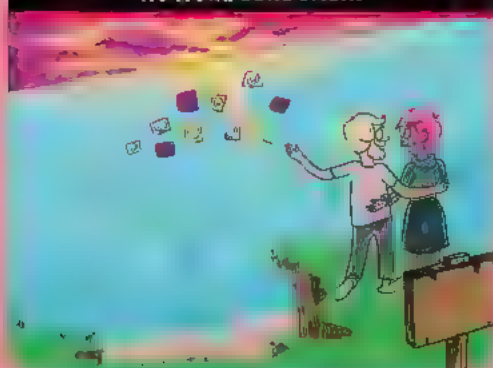
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SWEAR YOUR LIVES TO EACH OTHER WITH A BLOOD OATH!



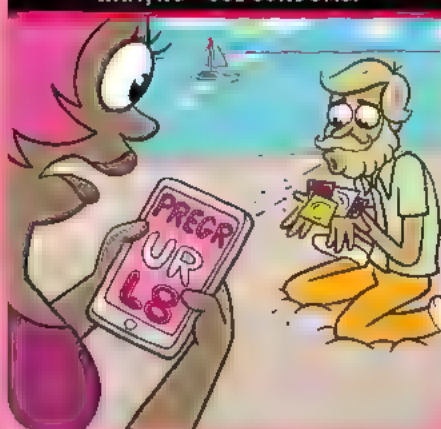
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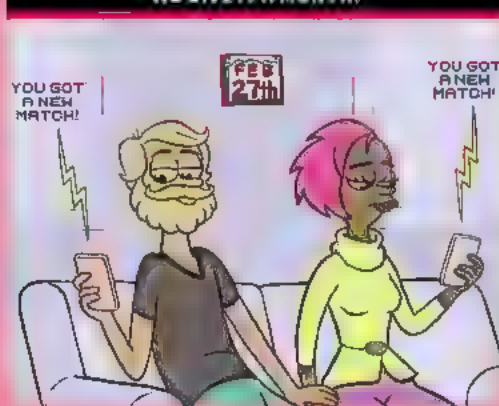
STEP 6
NO MORE CONDOMS!!!



STEP 7
WAIT, NO - USE CONDOMS.



STEP 8
YOU'RE NOW MODERN-DAY "OFFICIAL!"
WE GIVE IT A MONTH.



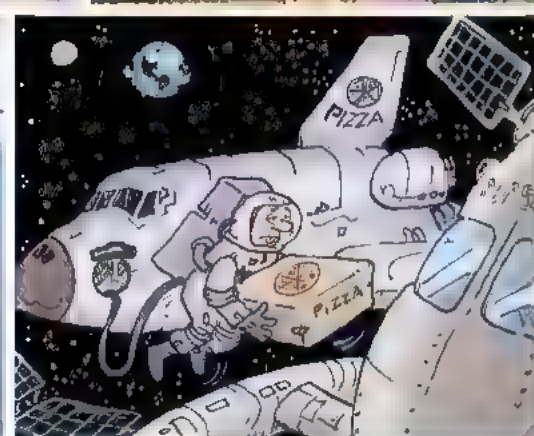
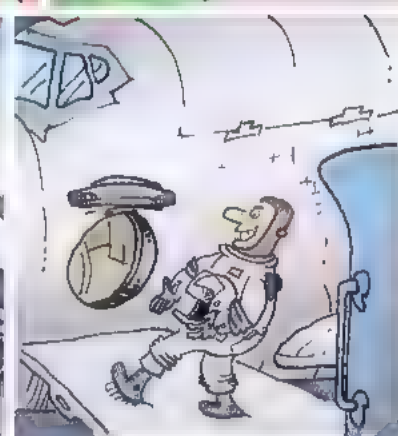
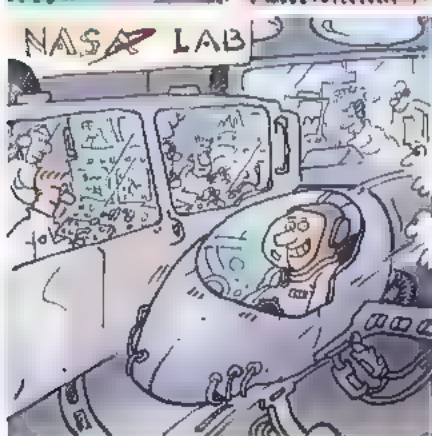
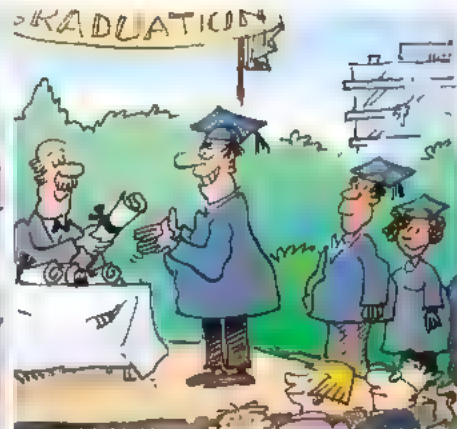
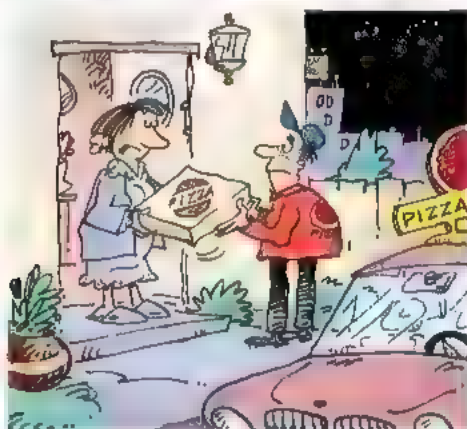
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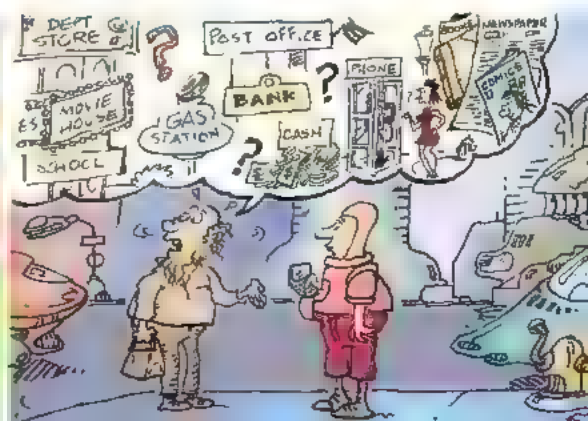
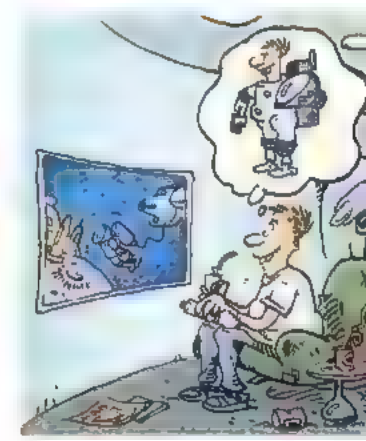
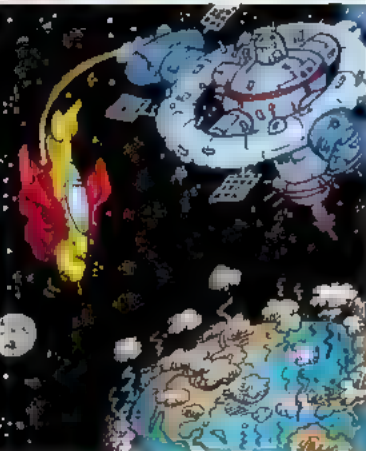
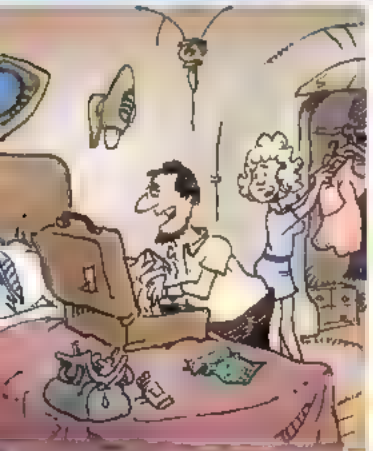
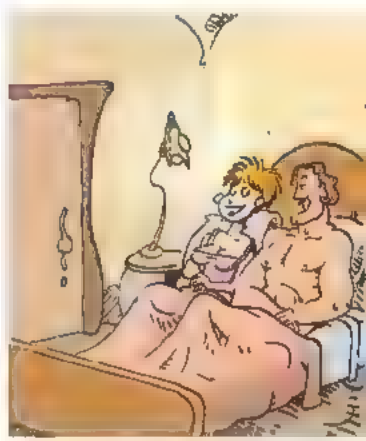
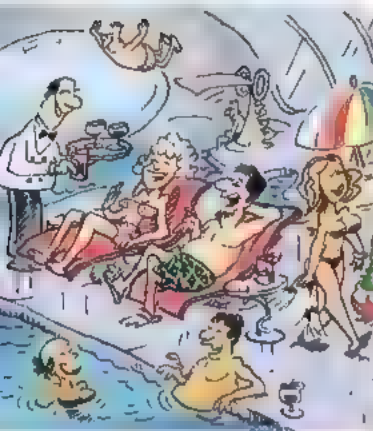
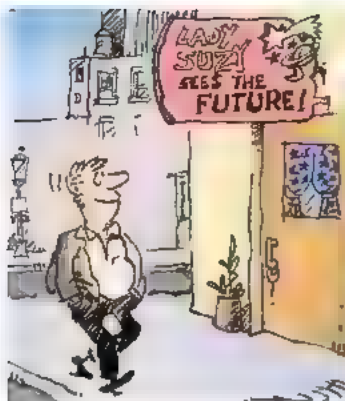
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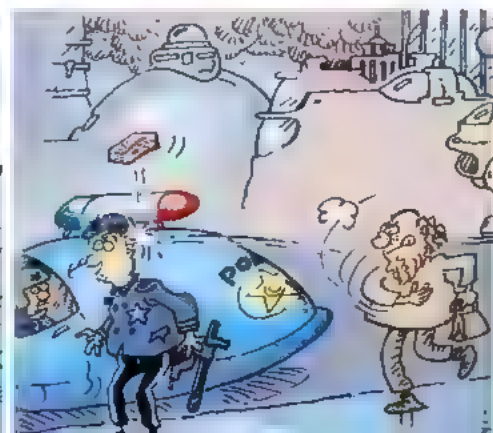
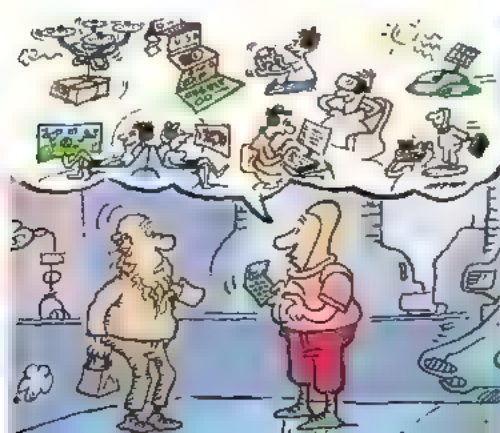
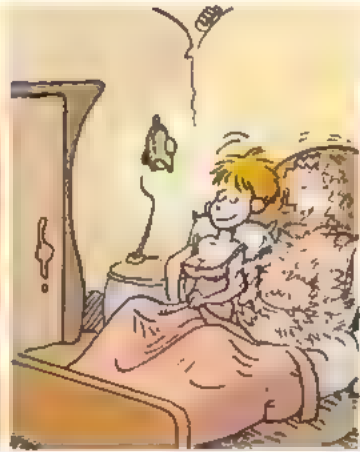
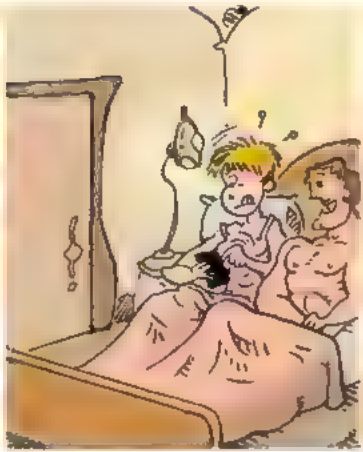
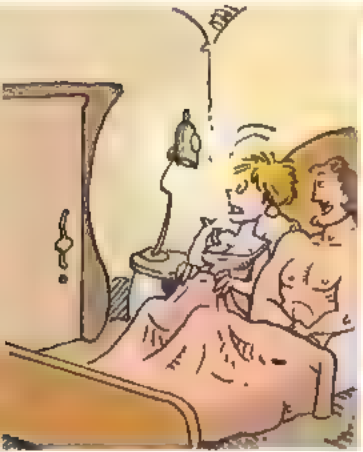
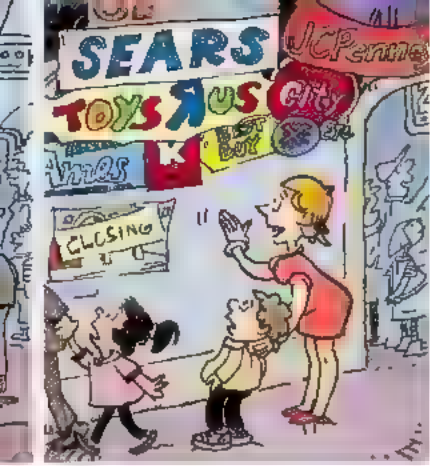
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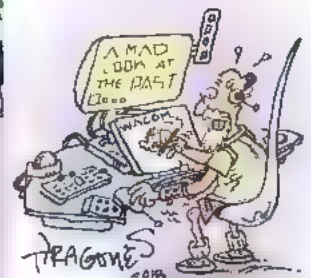
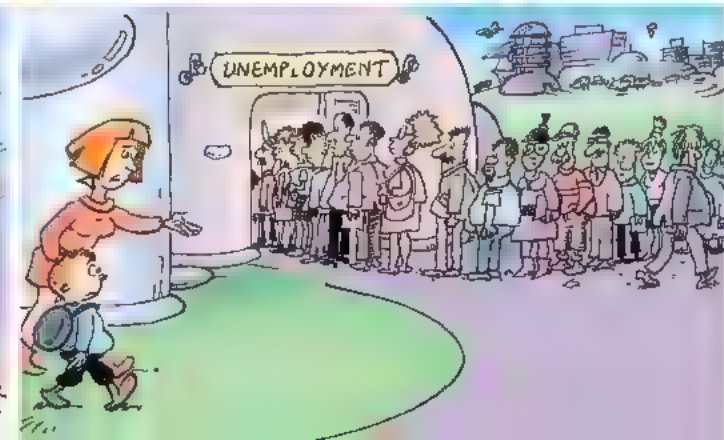
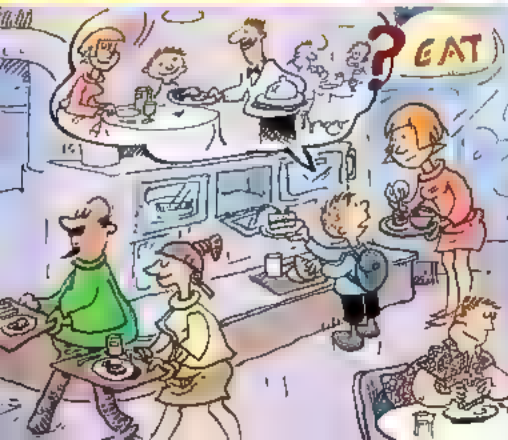
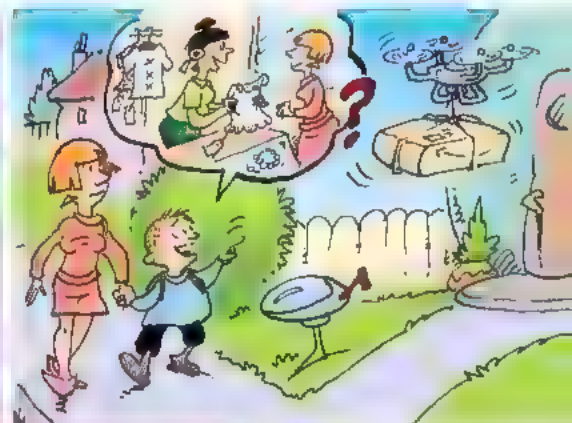
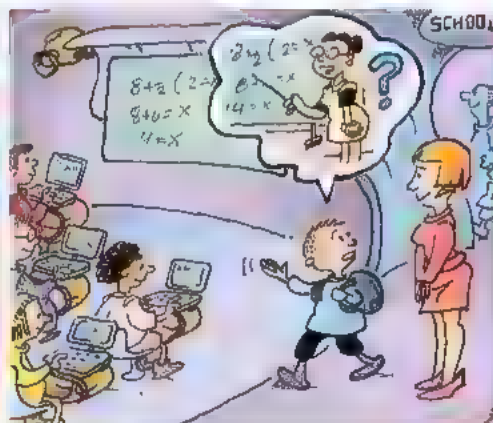
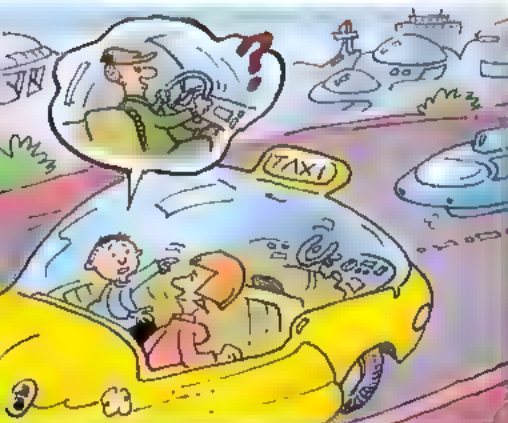


WRITER & ARTIST **SERGIO ARAGONES** COLORIST **TOM LUTH**









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The

POTRZEBIE

REPROVED
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of Love

I HOPE SHE DOESN'T
TURN OUT TO BE ONE OF
THOSE LUNATIC CHICKS WHO'LL
END UP MAKING FUN OF ME
TO ALL HER FRIENDS!

I HOPE HE DOESN'T
TURN OUT TO BE ONE OF
THOSE LUNATIC GUYS WHO'LL
END UP STALKING
AND KILLING ME!

Featuring

UNRULY CHILD!

COMIC REVEILED!

POLITICALLY STYLED!

SEA KING DEFILED!



THE HOPE! THE HEARTACHE! THE HORROR!
DON'T MISS THIS TRUE-TO-LIFE TALE...

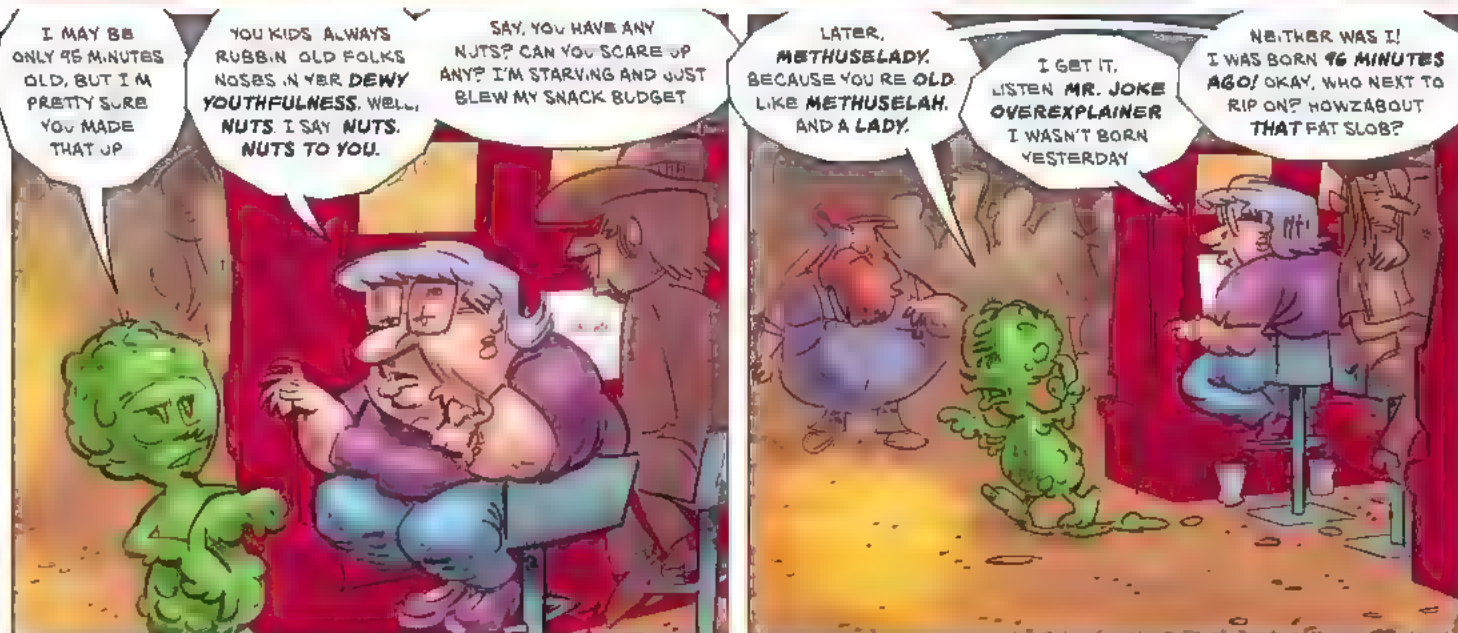
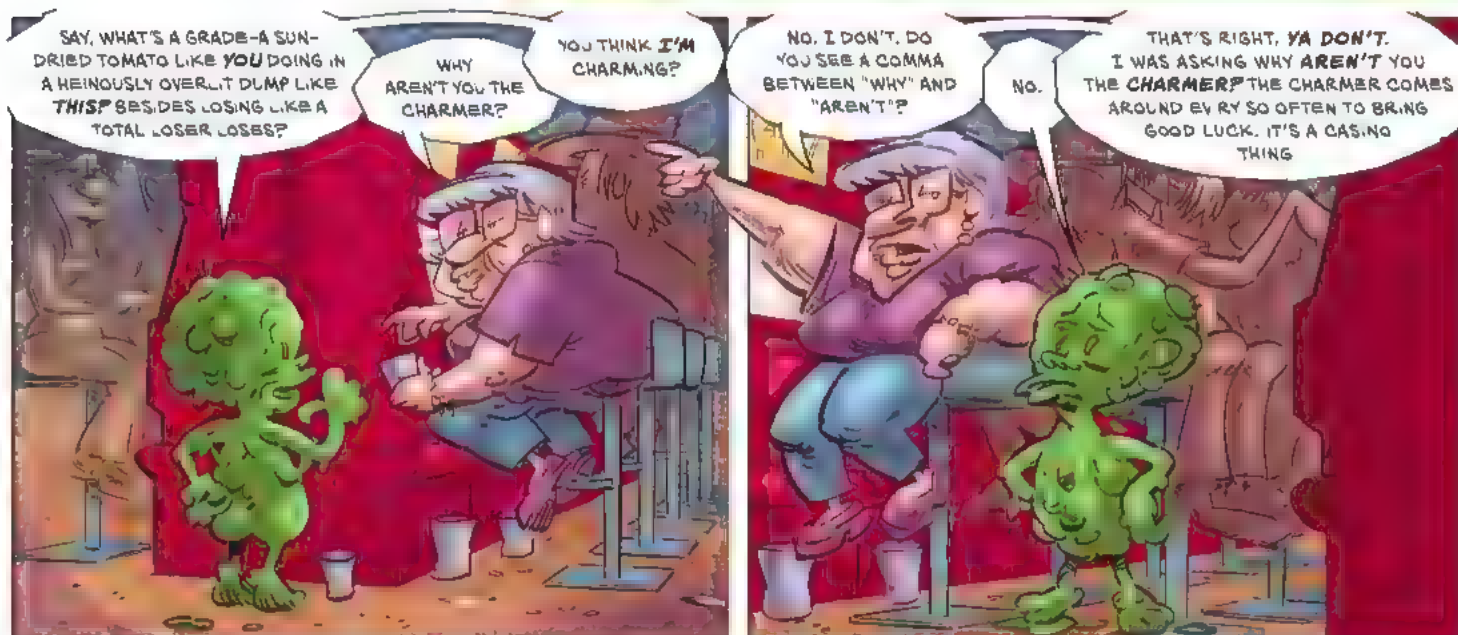
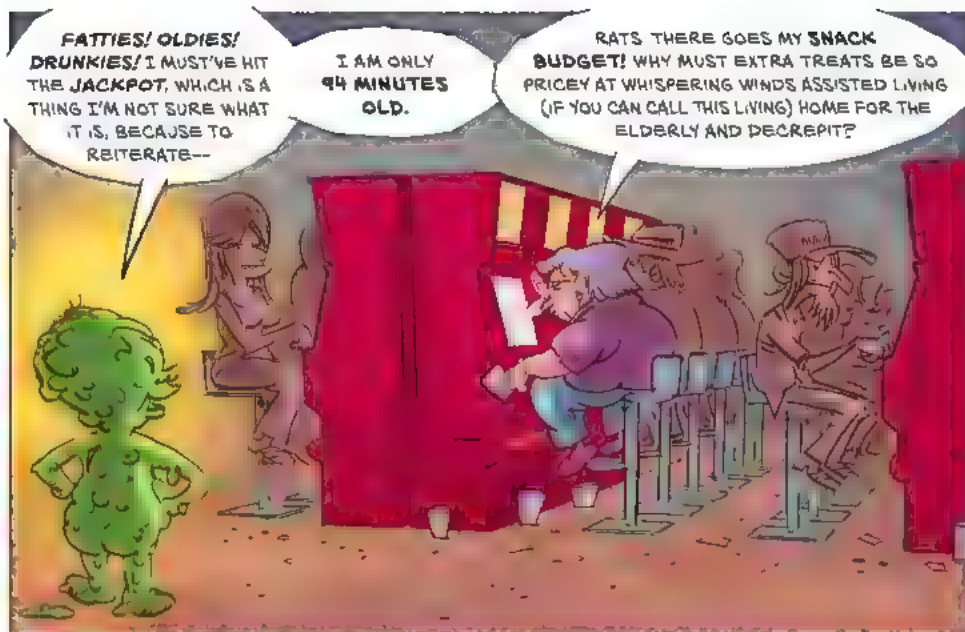
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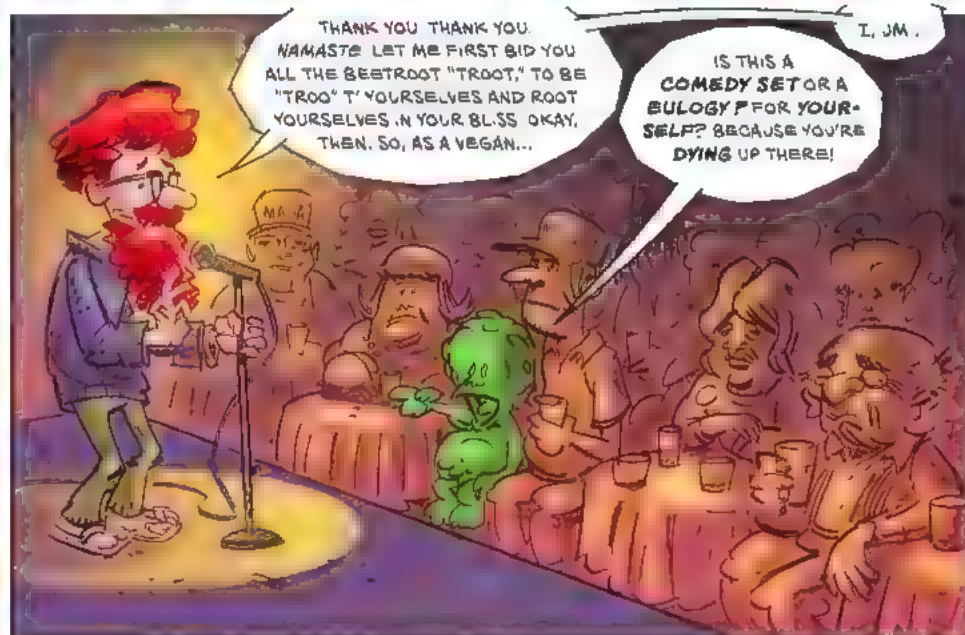
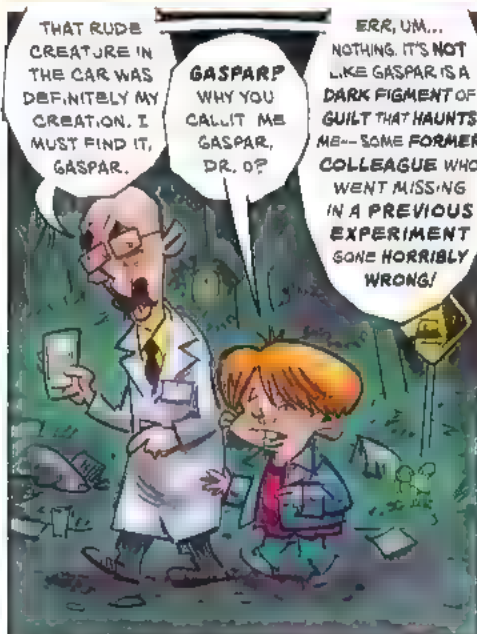
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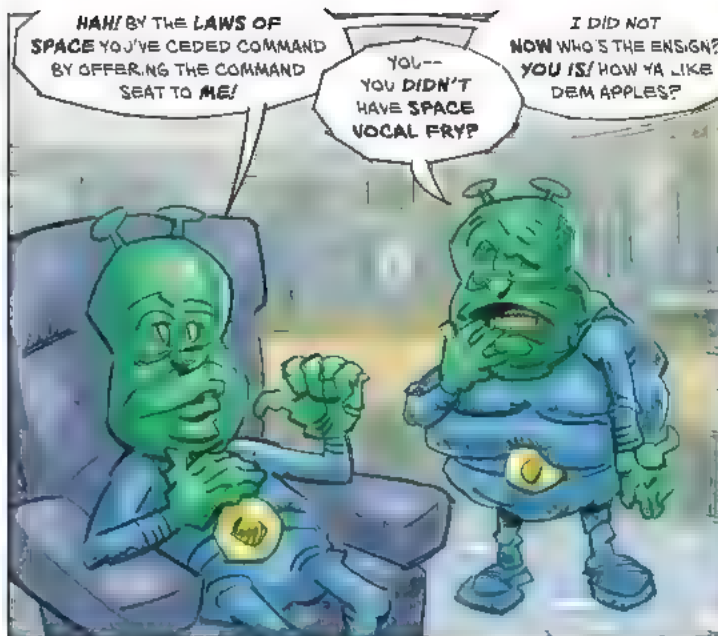
(Due to arrive
any day now!)

LUKEY & MUKEY

ABANDONED DURING A FIELD TRIP, YOUNG LUKEY MUENSTER ENLISTED DR. FREDERICK "HOT PEPPER" OBIDIAH TO DRIVE HIM HOME. DR. O'S CAR CRAPPED OUT, STRANDING THEM ON A REMOTE COUNTRY ROAD WITH NO CELL RECEPTION. RACING BY IN A LUBER CAR SERVICE, LUKEY'S SNOT-CLONE MUKEY RAZED THEM, BEFORE INSULTING HIS DRIVER SO MERCILESSLY IT DROVE THEM TO CRASH OUTSIDE A CASINO, WHERE HE NOW FINDS HIMSELF AND US.







NEXT: GASPAR THE UNFRIENDLY GHOST

AQUAMAN FUNNIES

WRITER & ARTIST KERRY CALLEN



CURRY AND SWABS



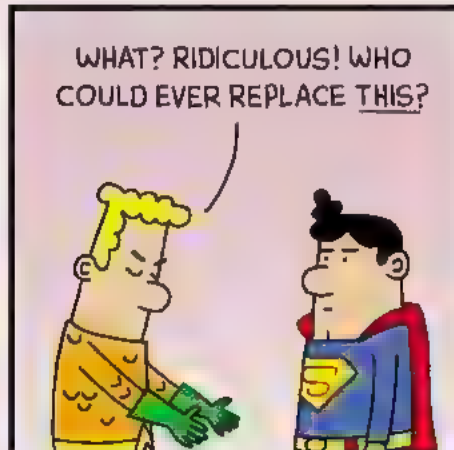
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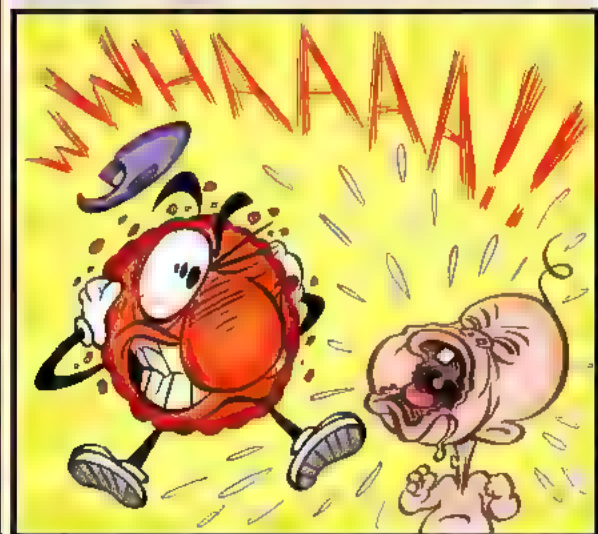
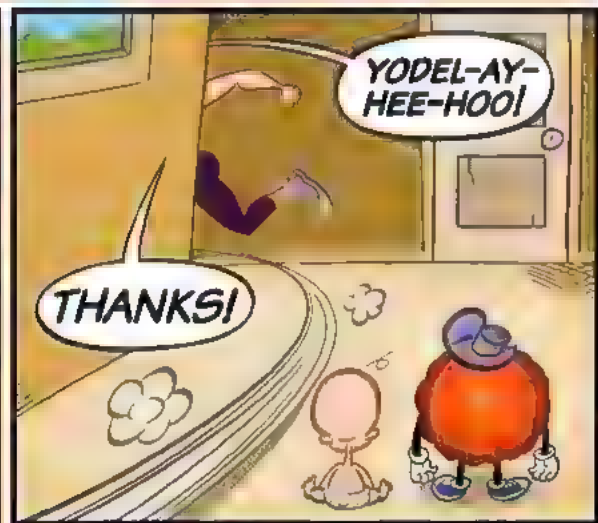
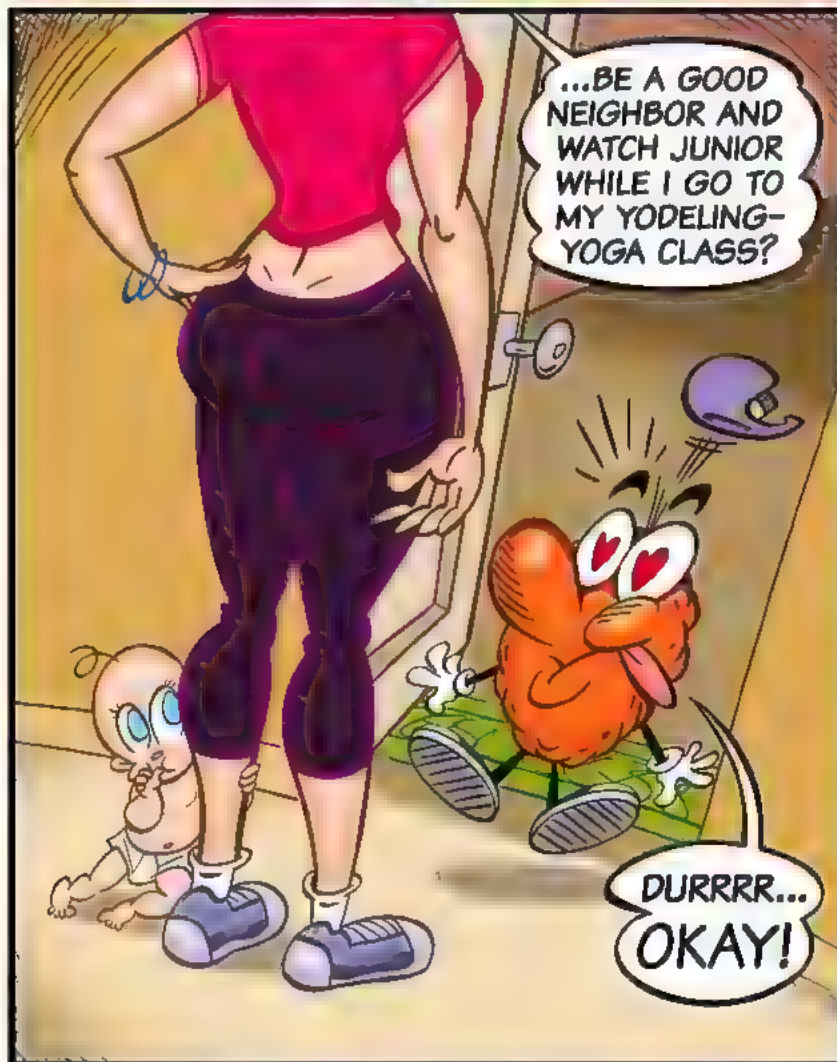
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Spaghetti & MEATBALL

IN

PARV SITTA



LATER...

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU LET YOUR FLUFFERNUTTER DO ALL THE THINKIN'!

LOOKS LIKE I WON'T BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE ON MY TRUMPET PRACTICE TONIGHT!

WAAAAAAH!!!

I KNOW! I'LL MAKE SOME FUNNY FACES!

POP!

POP!

EH-OH!

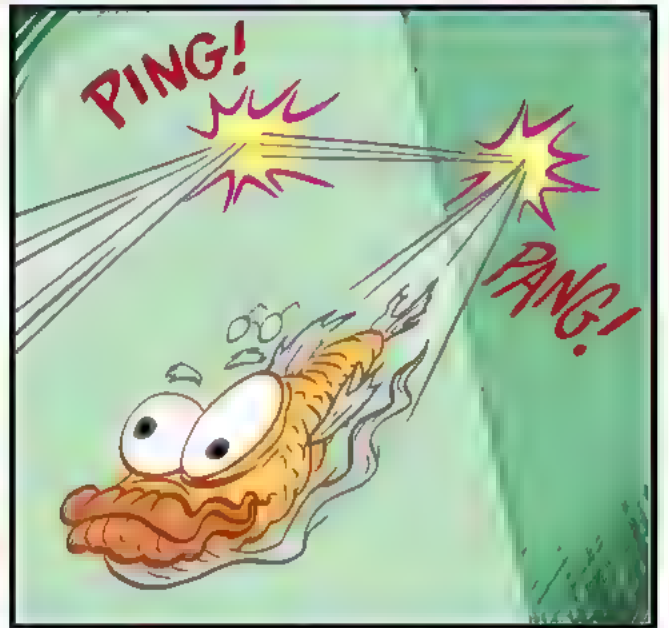
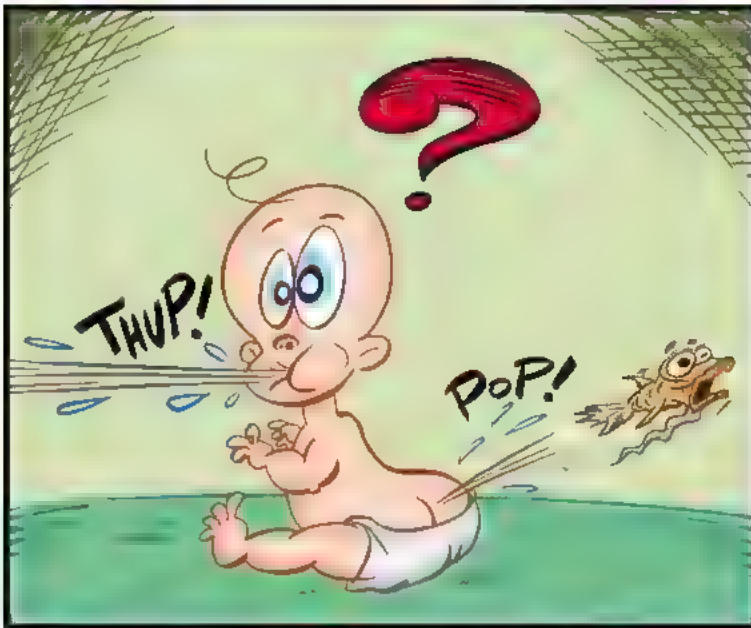
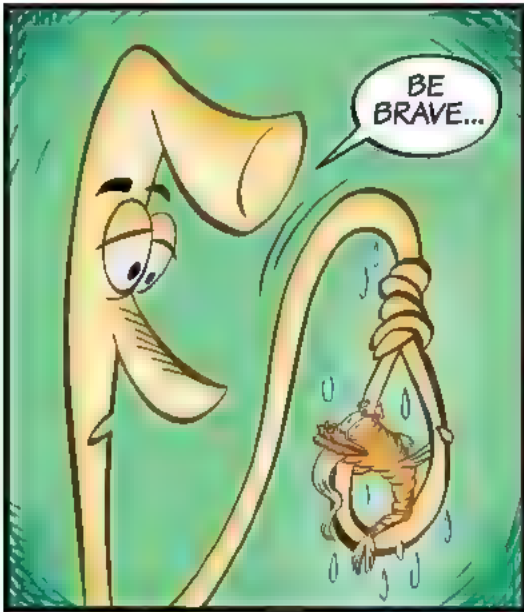
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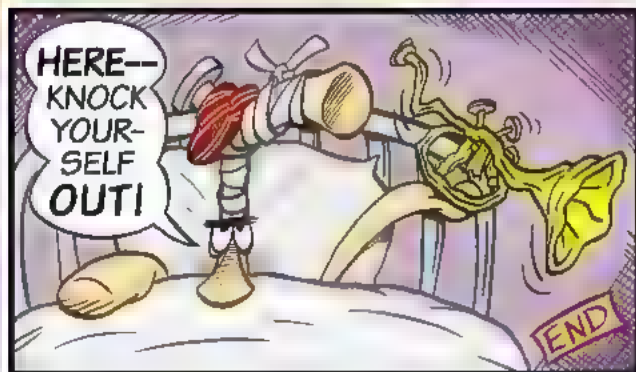
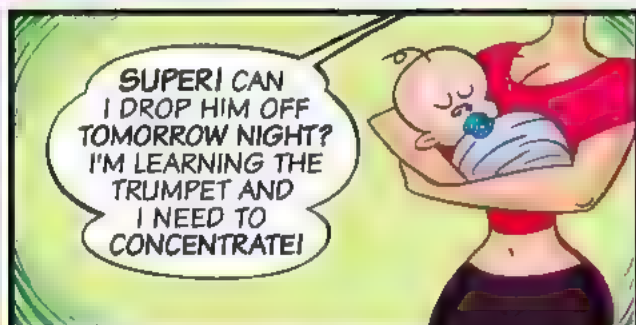
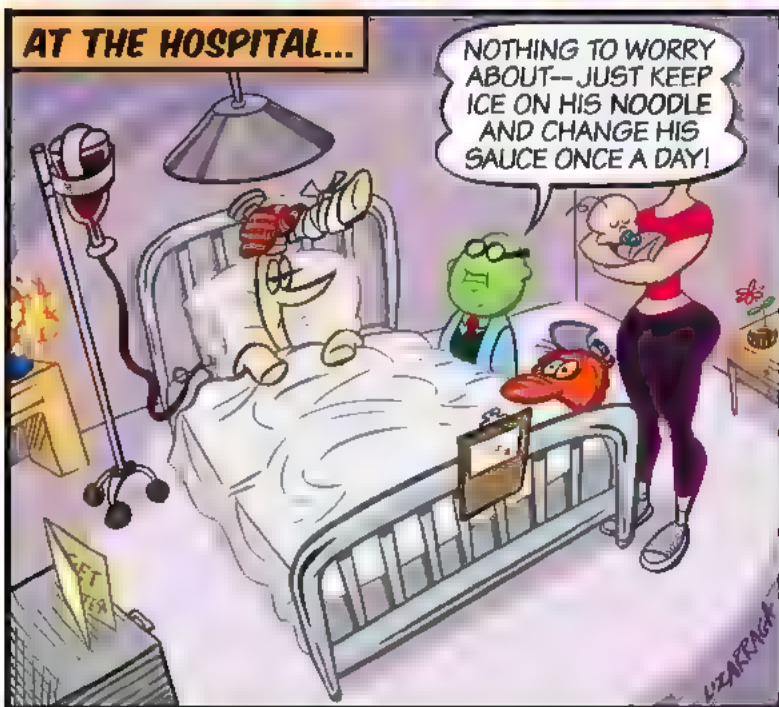
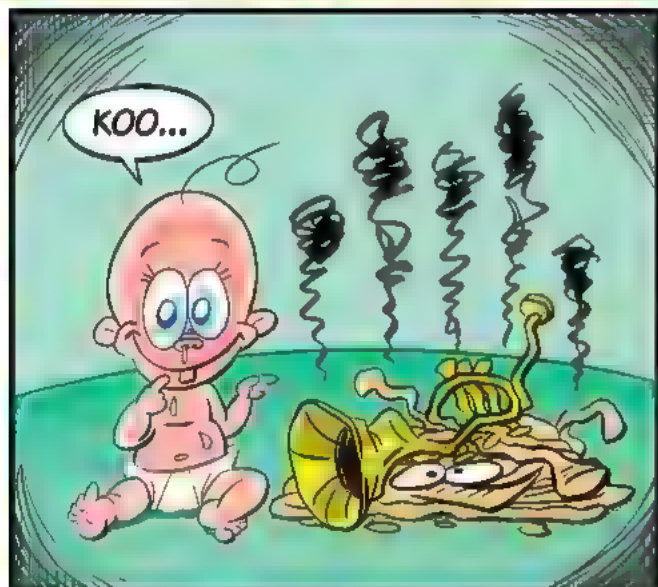
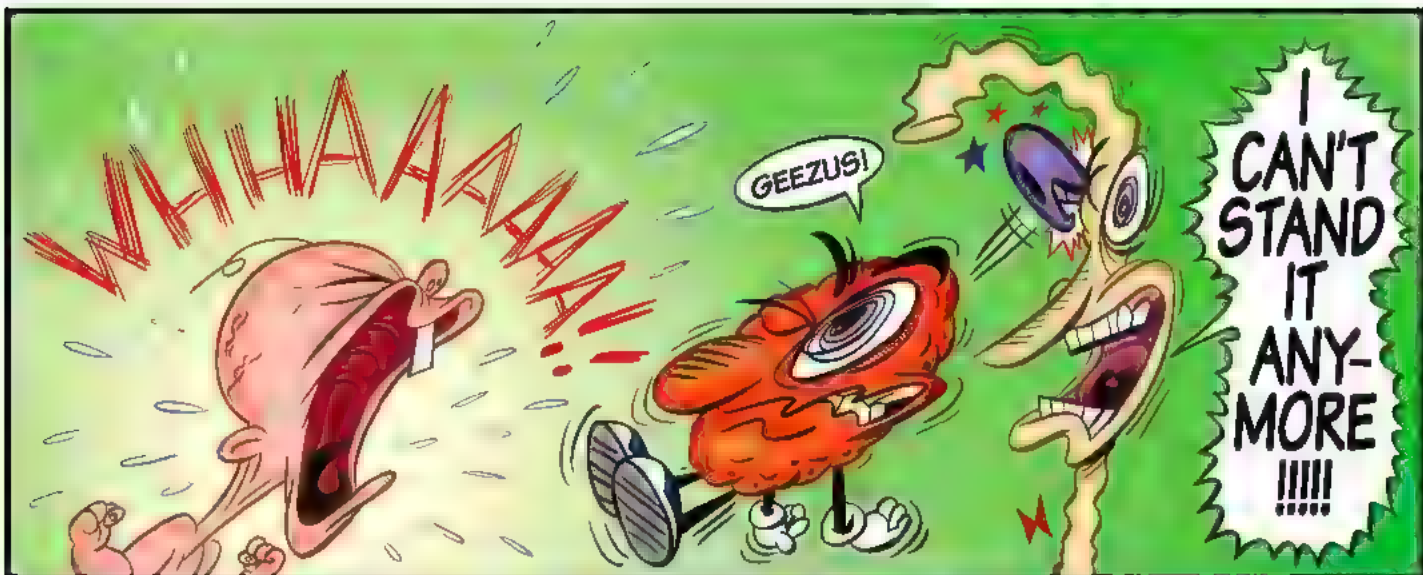
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MAYBE THE LITTLE TYKE IS HUNGRY?

PUNK!

WTF?





THE CHANCERS

BY LUKE MCGARRY

WE JOIN THE CHANCERS DURING A SCHEME ALREADY IN PROGRESS...

SO, BEFORE THE WAITRESS BRINGS THE CHECK, DO WE ALL KNOW OUR ROLES?

NECRO — YOU PUT THE USED BAND-AID IN YOUR SANDWICH...

OK, POPS!

J.B. YOU START CHOKING.

AND JUST FOR GOOD MEASURE, I'LL FAKE A HEART ATTACK!

...NOW, IN ELECTION NEWS...

MAYOR JOSEPH BARBIE — THE DECORATED MILITARY VETERAN AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS "G.I. JOE" — IS RUNNING UNOPPOSED FOR RE-ELECTION!

HMM, THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!

YOUNG PEOPLE ARE RUNNING FOR OFFICE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY... POLITICS IS THE NEW ROCK 'N' ROLL!

I'M GOING TO ENTER J.B. IN THE MAYORAL RACE!

BUT J.B. KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT POLITICS!

OF COURSE HE DOES! GO ON, ASK HIM ABOUT A POLITICIAN! ANY POLITICIAN!

OK, WHAT'S YOUR OPINION ON... SANDERS?

A BRILLIANT MAN! WHAT A VISIONARY!

SEE? I TOLD YOU!

I MEAN — I'M NOT A HUGE FAN OF THE WHITE SUIT, BUT THAT SECRET RECIPE...

MWAN! PERFECTO!

AND DO YOU KNOW HE GAVE UP A DISTINGUISHED MILITARY CAREER TO WORK WITH BIRDS? HE WAS LIKE A COLONEL OR SOMETHING!

HE THINKS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE KFC GUY...

ERM... AN HONEST MISTAKE. I'M SURE LOTS OF PEOPLE GET THEM MIXED UP.

TELL US WHICH PRESIDENTS INSPIRE YOU...

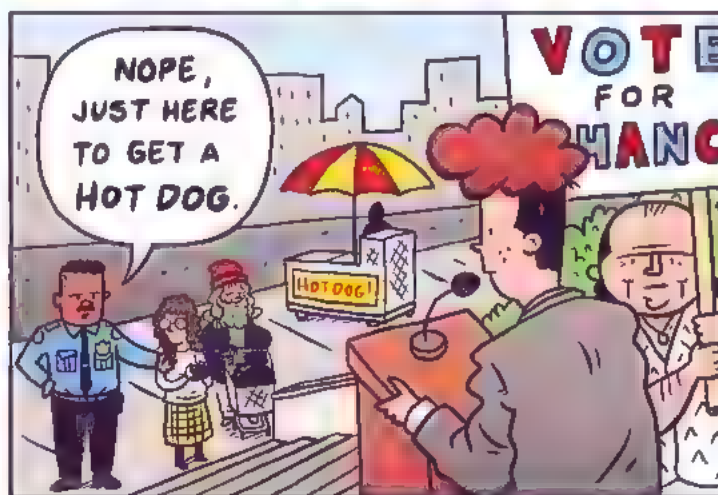
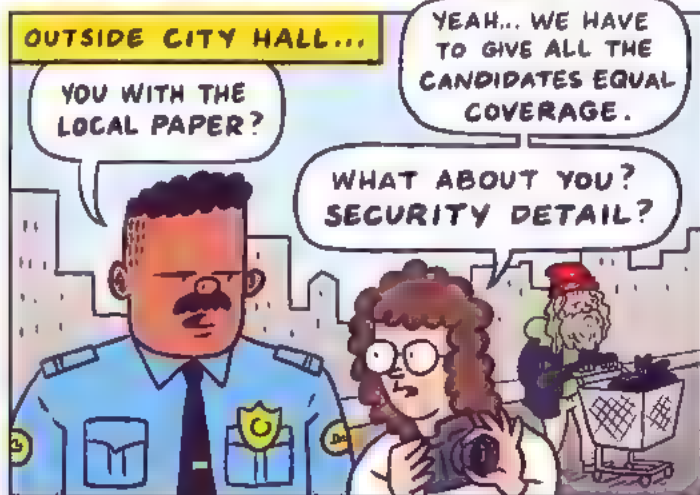
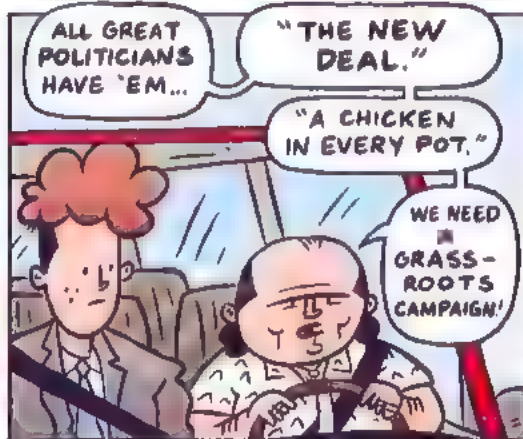
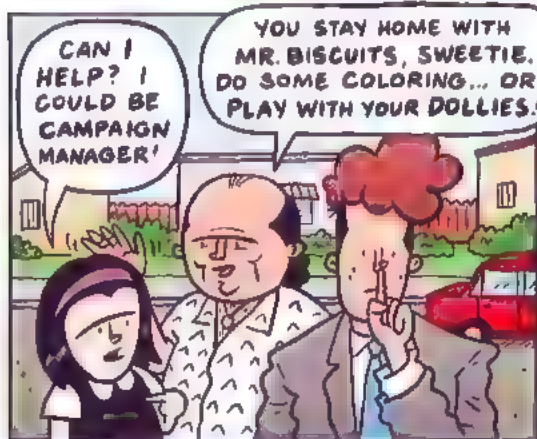
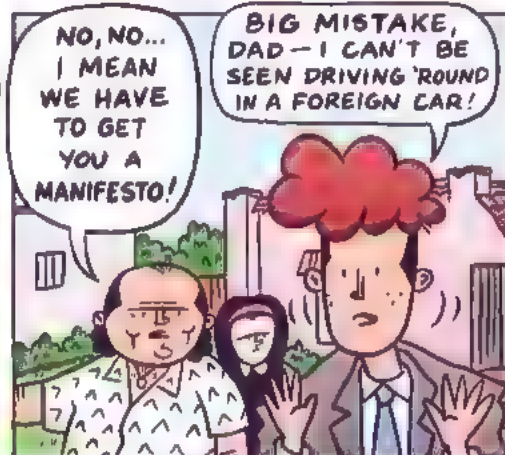
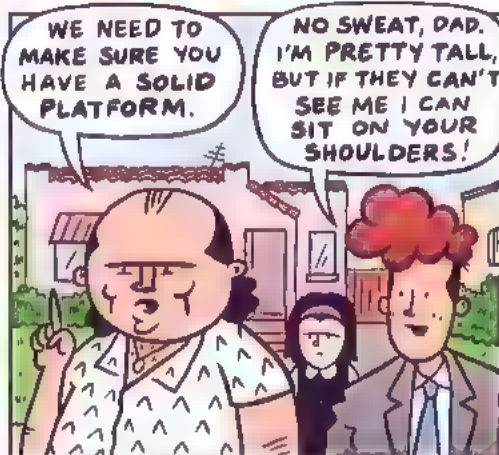
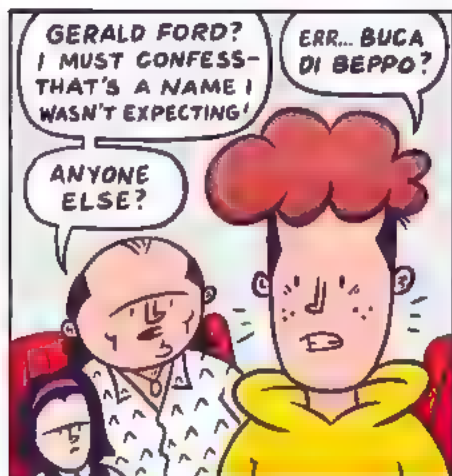
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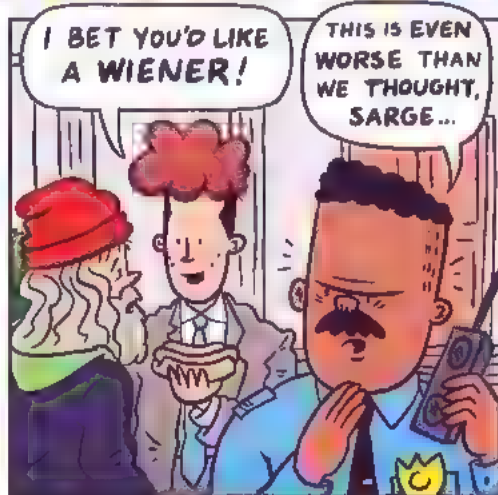
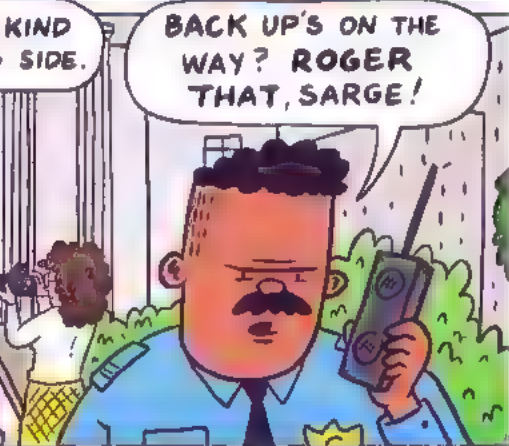
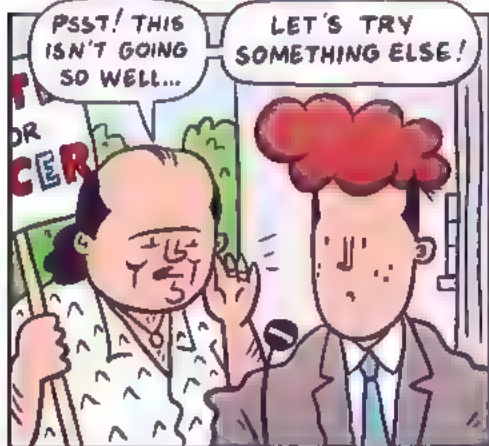
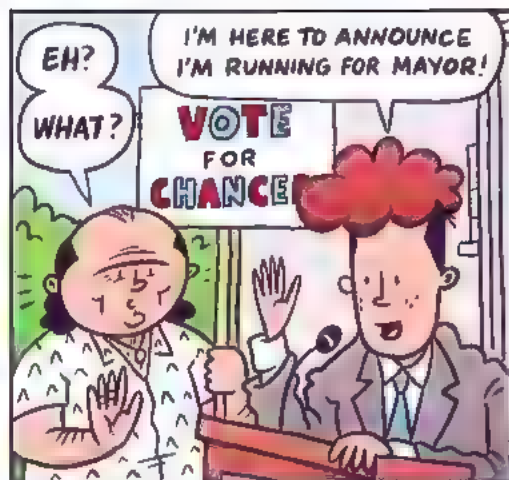
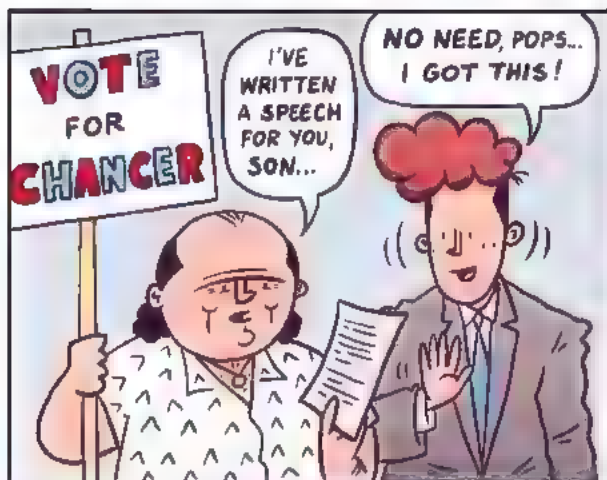
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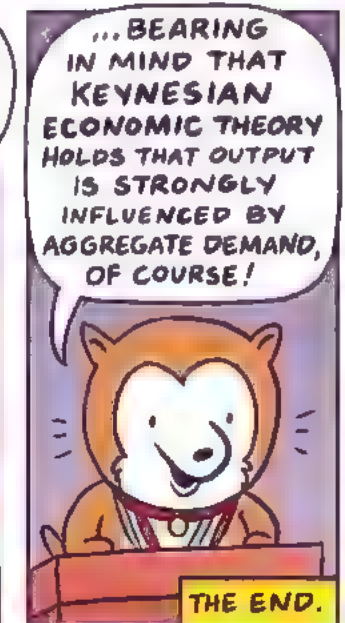
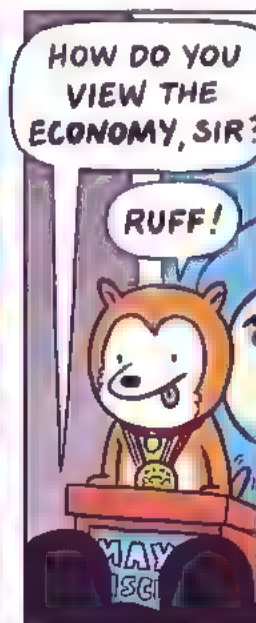
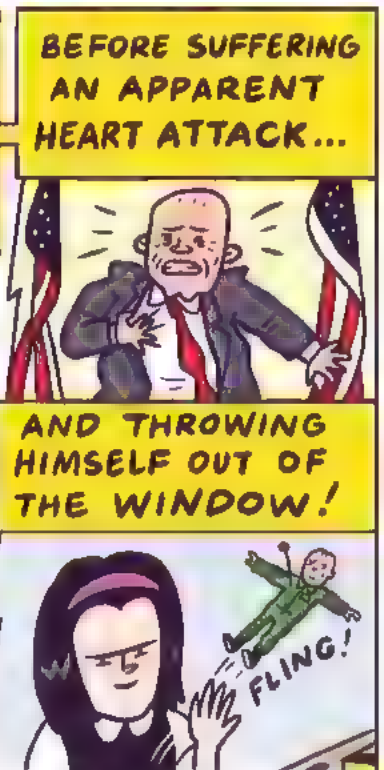
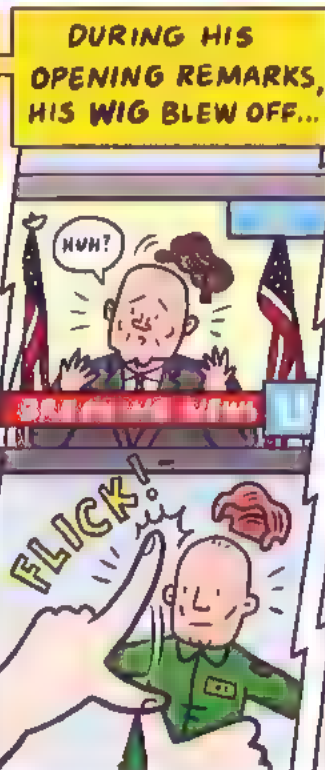
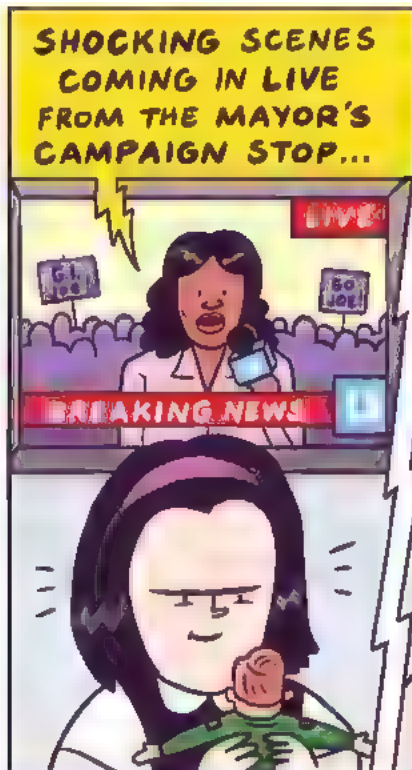
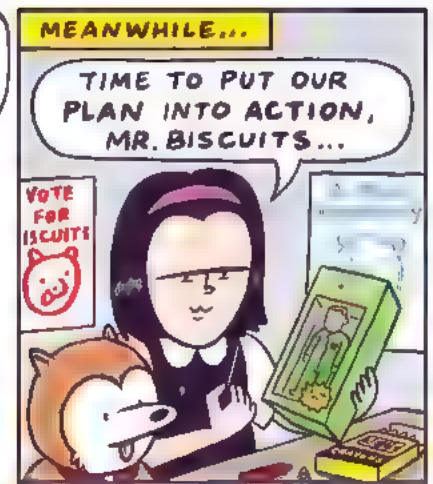
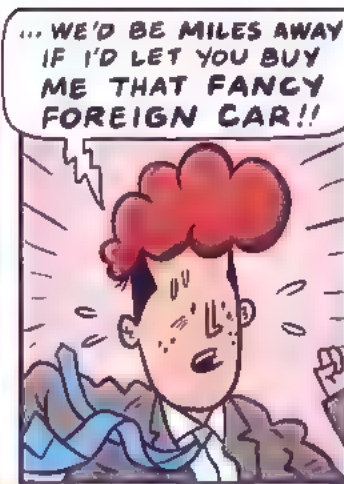
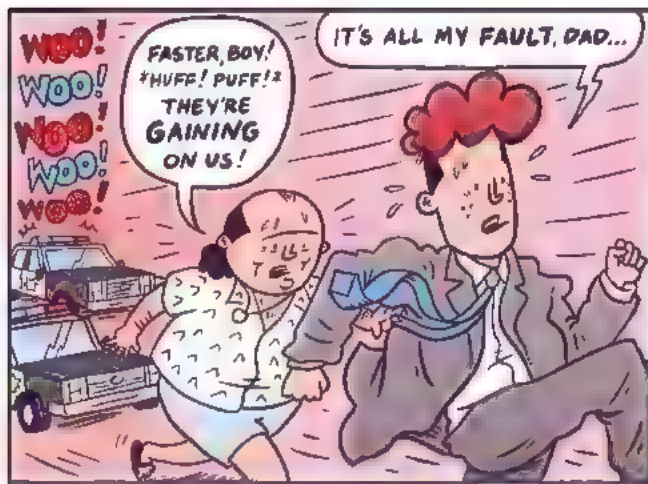
ERM... LINCOLN?

HONEST ABE! THE GREAT EMANCIPATOR! EXCELLENT CHOICE, SON! WHO ELSE?

FORD?









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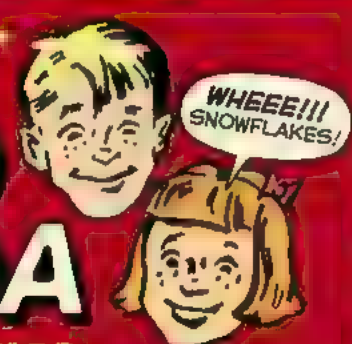
Watch as these actors "talk" and their gibberish is instantly translated into human words on the screen!

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LOOK OUT, KIDS— IT'S THE LIBTARD AGENDA

**THE SLIPPERY SLOPE TOWARD
A KINDER, GENTLER AMERICA!**



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Tacos so dng dang delcious they ought to be illegal!

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Your friends will gape in astonishment when you bring home enough money to pay the rent -AND- buy a month's worth of groceries!



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Make any show a success with one of these "funny" females. They tell "jokes" and make "amusing" observations so convincingly similar to real comedians, your viewers will be amazed!

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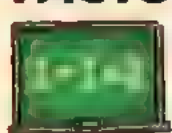


KALE

Need we say more?



FACTS



Train at HOME in your SPARE TIME to create sentences and even entire paragraphs completely devoid of false statements.
GREAT AT PARTIES!

FREEDOM

(And by that we mean from other people's religion!)

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SCIENCE

YIKES!
Folks will skedaddle when you start to blather about this stupid mumbo jumbo!



CANADA!



Don't DELAY! REGISTER as a DUMB-O-CRAT TODAY!!!

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TURN YOUR HEAD AND LAUGH DEPT.

NAUGHTY COMICS

WRITER & ARTIST PHIL Z. WEINDE





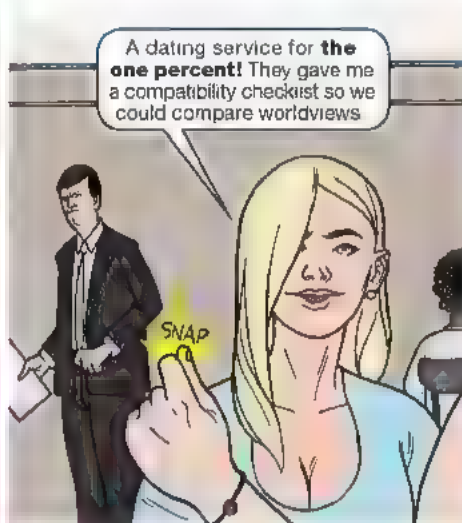
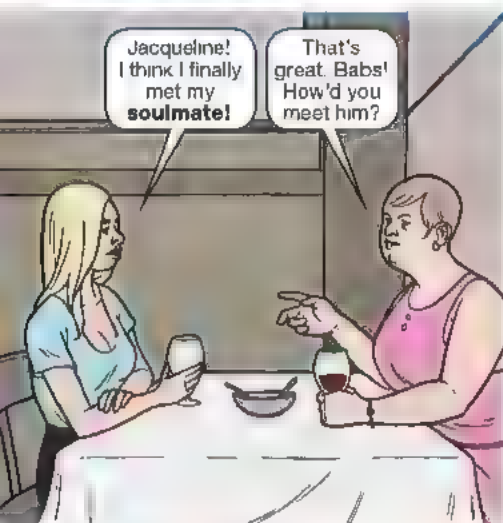
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THE LIGHTER SIDE OF

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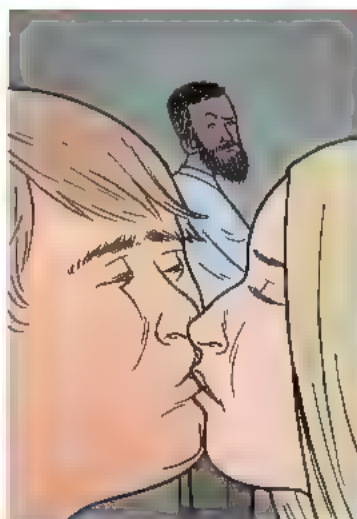
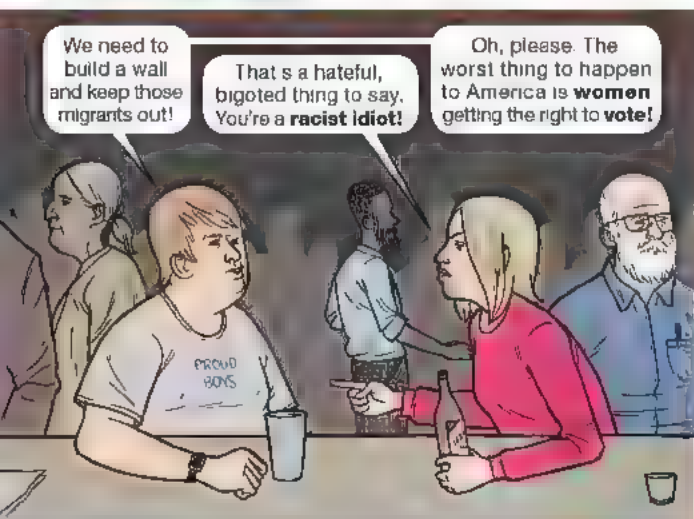
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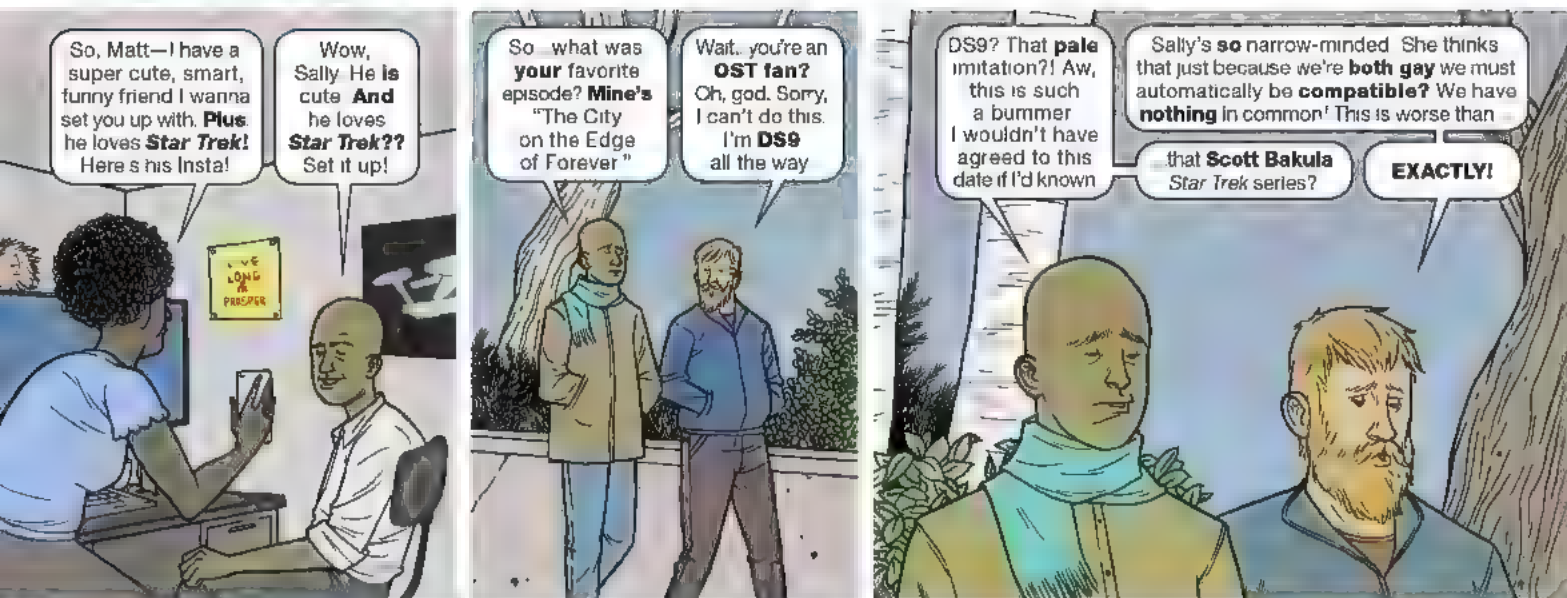
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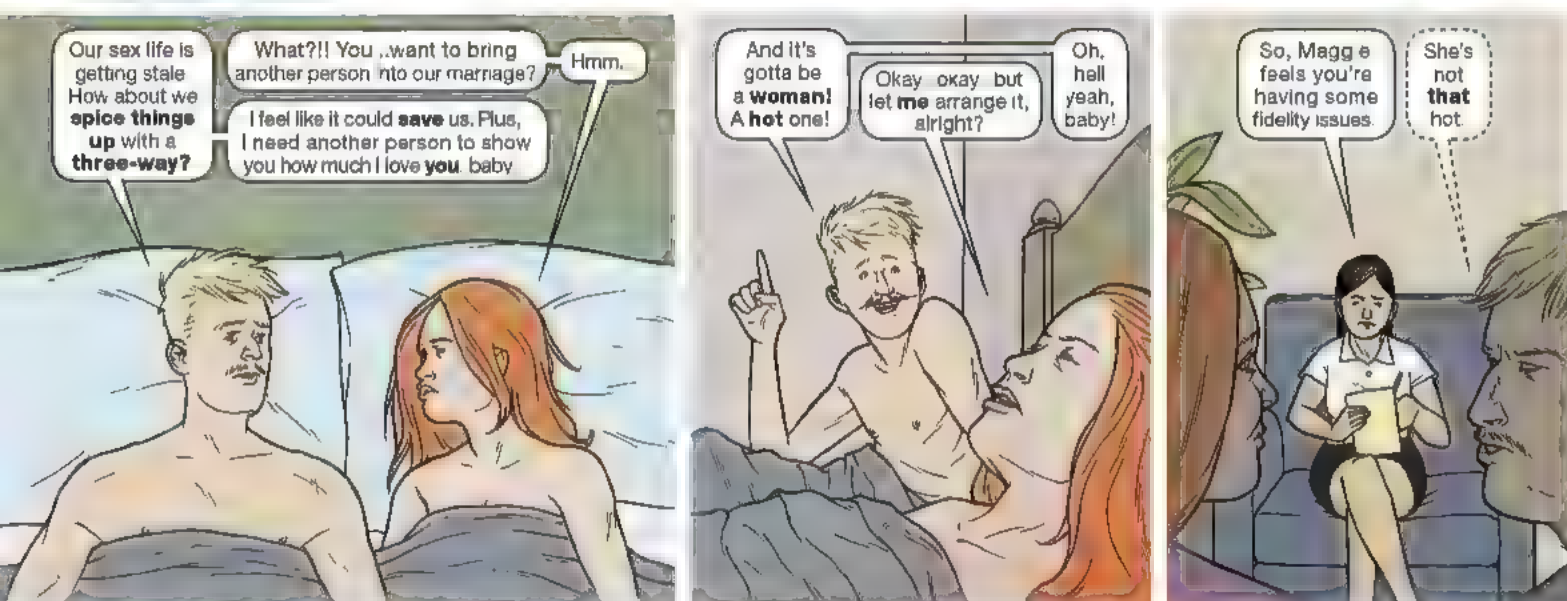
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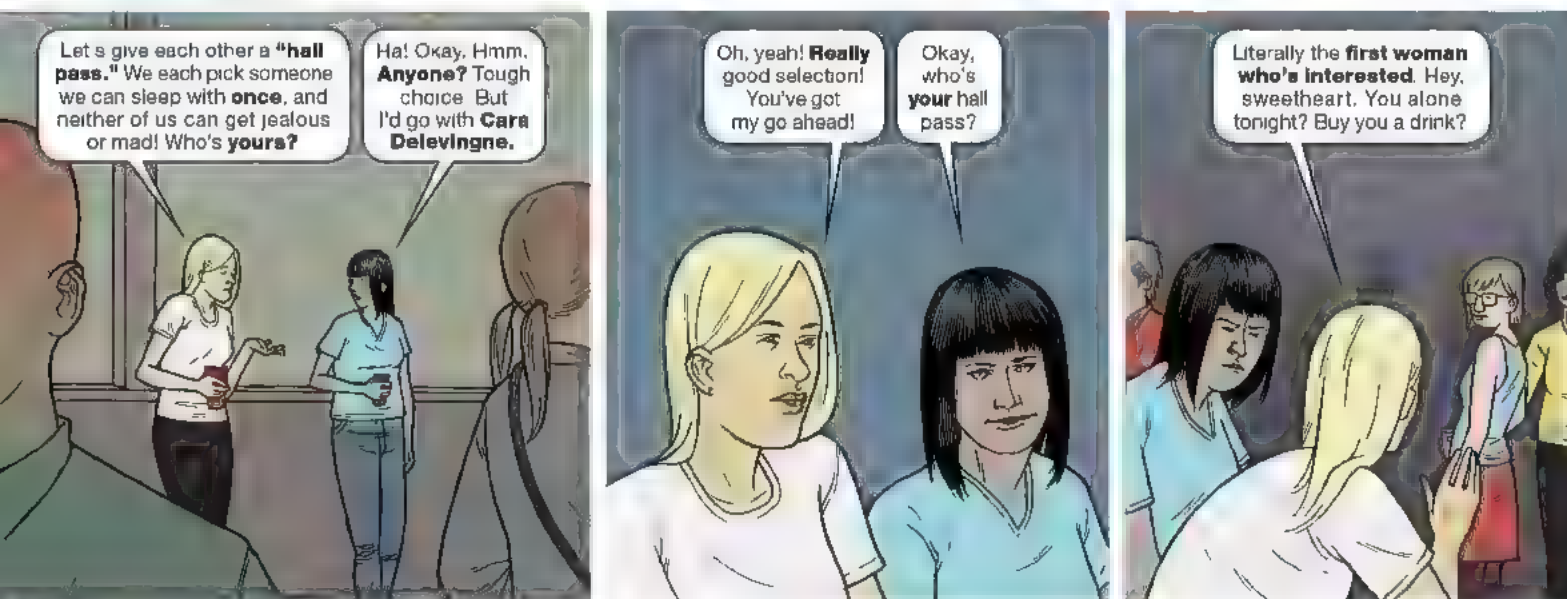
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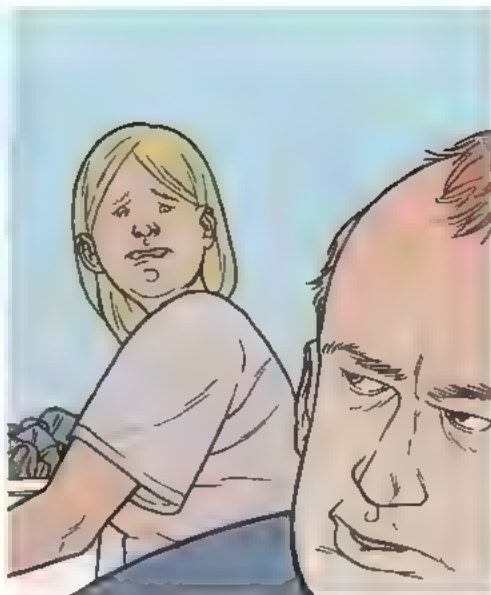
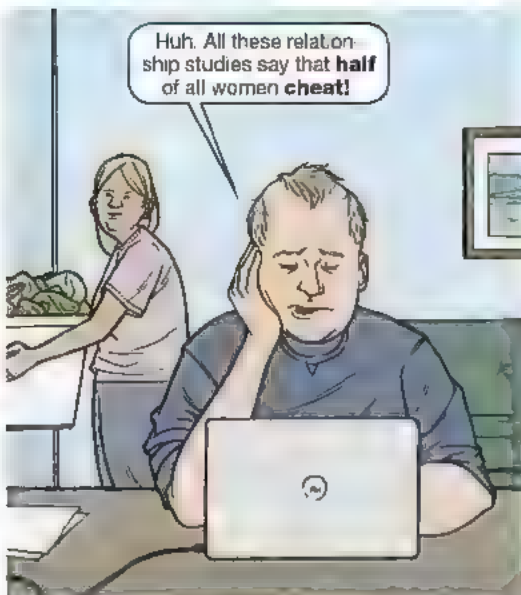
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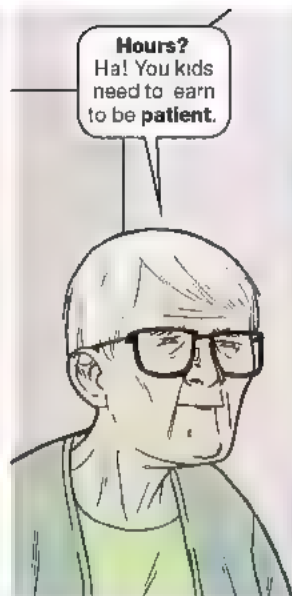
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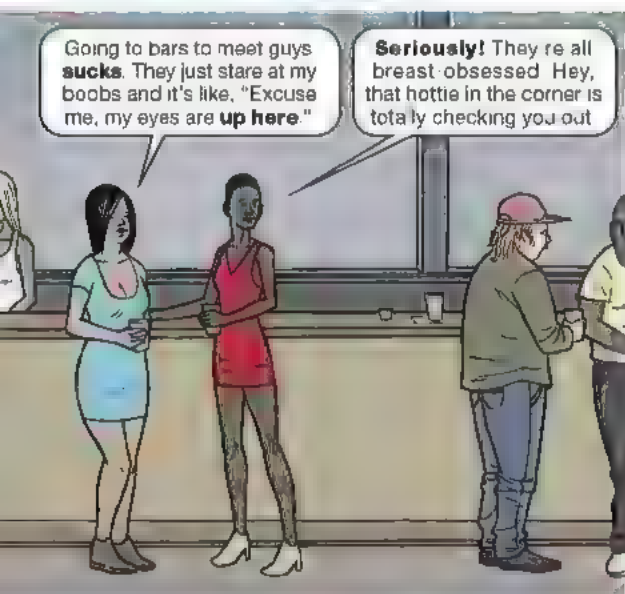
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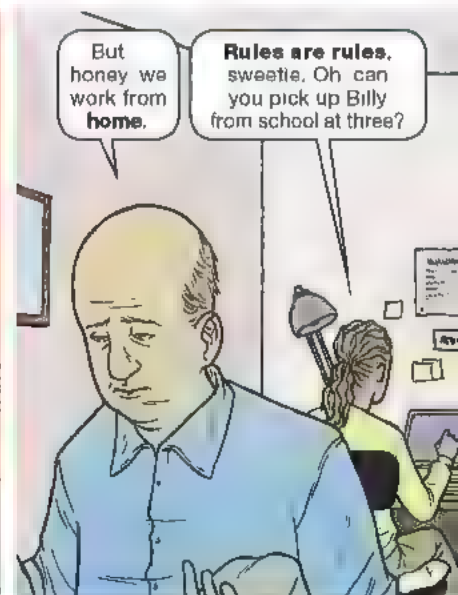
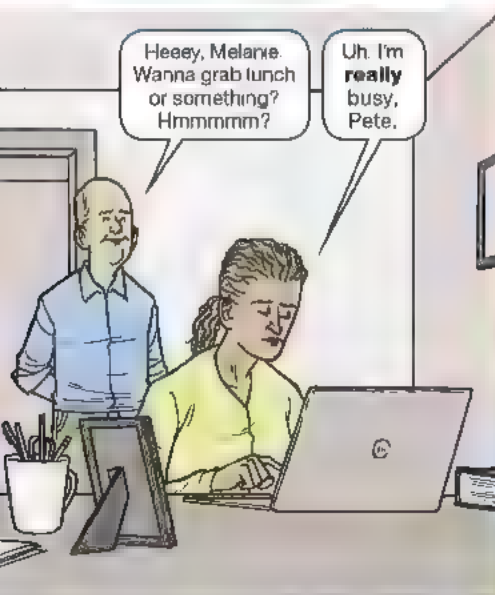
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CAUGHT LOOKING



WORKPLACE





SLEEP DEPRAVITY DEPT.

My Pill-Ow!

Hi, I'm Mike Lie-Well, inventor of **My Pill-Ow!** Like many of you, I had trouble sleeping. I solved my sleep (and my money) problems by making gullible folks think that my stupid, overpriced pillow would somehow help them sleep better, too!

WHILE IN A WORLD-FAMOUS PRISON

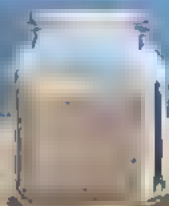
TECHNOLOGICAL A SLEEP STUDY ON PILLOW INMATES, AND HERE'S WHAT I DISCOVERED:

- ☒ Less neck pain than sleeping on a steel bedpan
- ☒ Fewer splinters than sleeping on a wooden pillow that a prisoner might nail together in woodshop
- ☒ More comfortable than sleeping on a pillow made of bricks found lying in the yard

MY PILL-OW! FEATURES:



SAWDUST



BEACH SAND



GRAVEL

WHY DO YOU ALWAYS SEE ME HOLDING MY PILL-OW! IN ALL MY ADS?

Because, quite frankly, it's way more comfortable to hold it than to actually try to sleep on it. And you, like *hundreds* of people have said the My Pill-Ow! looks lumpy in our infomercials. Folks, those are not lumps—they're "comfort bumps!"

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WRITER DICK DEBARTOLO ARTIST MIKE LOEW

OUR GUARANTEE:

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Just send back the My Pill-Ow! and the entire bed you use it on so we can judge whether it was your bed or My Pill-Ow! that wasn't comfortable. You are responsible for postage both ways and for a few other "return" charges that will NEVER be more than twice the price of your refund!

YOU'LL NEVER WAKE UP SAYING "OWW" AGAIN!

You'll say "Pill-Ow!!" OR, more likely, "That f***ing Pill-Ow!"

Socrates proposed that "the unexamined life is not worth living." Friedrich Nietzsche asked, "Is man merely a mistake of God's, or God a mistake of man?" And Prince said, "Let's look at the purple banana 'til they put us in the truck." What do these three greatest of all philosophers have in common? Answer: They're all DEAD!

Just like everybody on...

Greetings! I'm **Psychael**, the kindly architect and concierge of this neighborhood in the **Goodest Place**. I'm a supreme being with staggering cosmogonic powers, and I can bend reality with the snap of a finger.

And yet you chose a body that looks like an aging vegan Frankenstein monster?

Hello, I'm **Tsunami Al-Gebra**, and I love how you've designed this place! It's like my BFF **Katy Perry** eating springtime macarons in a music video directed by my ex, **Wes Anderson**!

Exactly! You must all be wondering what this place is. **Surprise**, you're dead! Typically, everyone asks the same two questions: how the heck did I get here, and did I clear my browser history before I died?

This place is beyond confusing and hard to follow. Several of the dead people here started paying attention to me in the middle of **season two**, and they ended up committing suicide!

Hi, **Hellenor**. I'm your soulmate, **Needi**. So, which philosophical doctrine do you adhere to, determinism or relativism?

Alcoholism! The only thing I know about philosophy is that **Voltaire** was the basis for a giant robot cartoon

Uh...good effort. But ethically, what is "good"? Am I "bad" for saying your effort was "good" when I truly believed it was bad? Ooh, I don't feel so good

Your bad!

You got here by gaining points for everything good you ever did, but you lost points for bad things.

The scoring formula incorporates the very best parts of judging Olympic figure skating, Starbucks Rewards points, and kindergarten forehead stars.

PARTICIPATE IN A "CINNAMON CHALLENGE" VIDEO: -10.58

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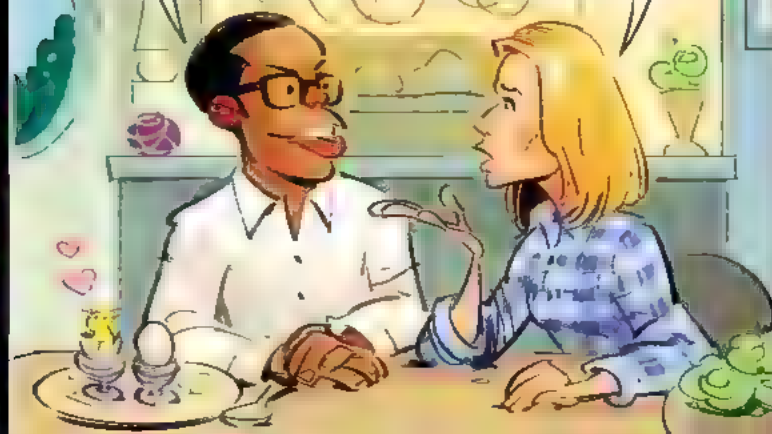
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So, we've been paired as a couple for eternity. Maybe we're destined to be the **Jean-Paul Sartre** and **Simone de Beauvoir** of the afterlife?

But they're dead, too. Doesn't that make them the Sartre and de Beauvoir of the afterlife? Besides, we're more like **Kirk and Spock** without all the sexual tension.



The Goodest Place

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN ARTIST: ANTON ERDMAN



Hi, I'm Dammit, your informational guide through the Goodest Place! I contain all information and knowledge in the universe.

Think of me as a less creepy version of Flo from Progressive Insurance, or a Wikipedia with boobs

I'M SUPPOSED TO BE A BUDDHIST MONK NAMED GINSU WHO'S TAKEN A VOW OF SILENCE, BUT I'M REALLY JETSON, A CRAPPY FLORIDA D.J. AND LOW-LEVEL CRIMINAL

I SHOULD NOT BE IN THE GOODEST PLACE, BUT I'M SMART ENOUGH TO KEEP THIS CHARADE GOING FOREVER.

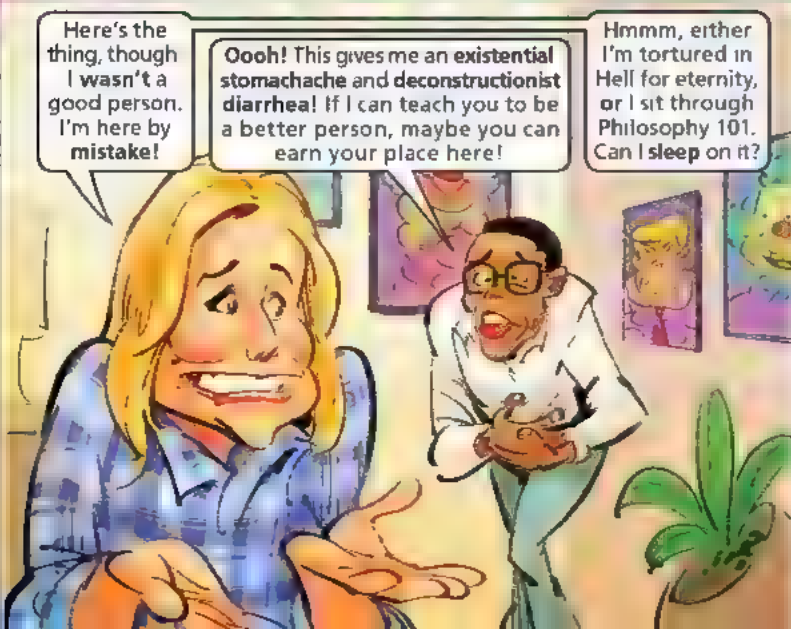
You do realize we can read your signs.

Oh wow, a bunch of "dead" people searching for higher meaning in their afterlives.

What's next, a pilot episode that starts with a close-up of the main character's eyes opening?

How about completely abandoned storylines and plot twists that upend the entire premise every other episode?

Done and done!



Here's the thing, though I wasn't a good person. I'm here by mistake!

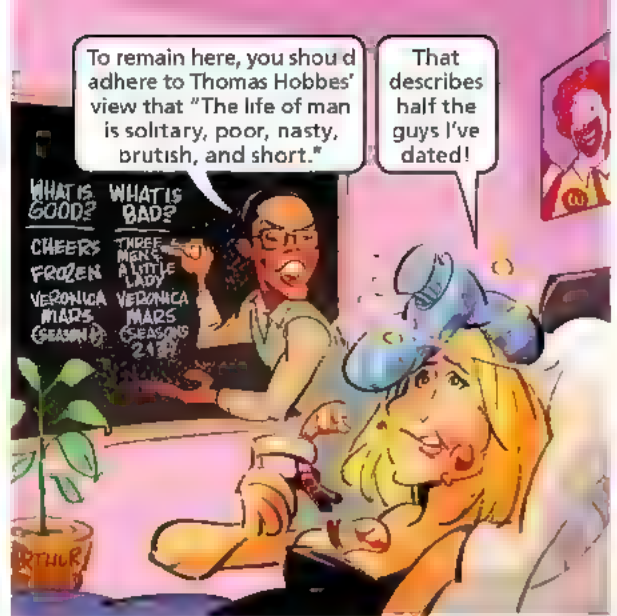
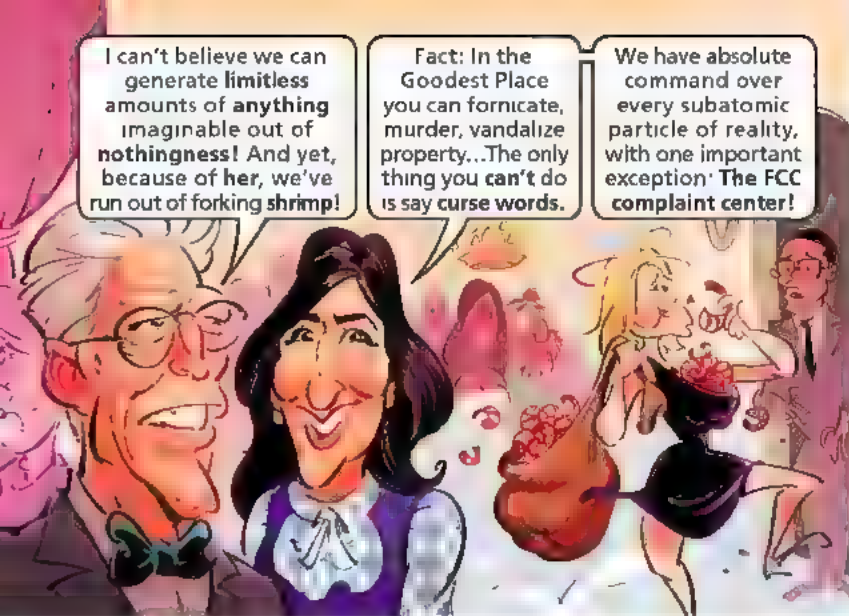
Oooh! This gives me an existential stomachache and deconstructionist diarrhea! If I can teach you to be a better person, maybe you can earn your place here!

Hmmm, either I'm tortured in Hell for eternity, or I sit through Philosophy 101. Can I sleep on it?



Since you're all going to be neighbors for eternity, I thought it'd be nice to set up a little party

Smashing! Party planning is just one of the everything I'm good at! I'm here because in life, I raised \$60 billion for charity. But I worry I might get kicked out because I spent \$70 billion on parties!





Stop this train! You're not taking Hellenor to the Baddest Place!

What the fork? Is this some lame attempt to stall until you can convince an Eternal Judge that Hellenor belongs in the Goodest Place?

No, we blew our set budget on Frozen Yogurt shops and Tsunami's mansion and we can't afford to show the Baddest Place until season two



Bizarre plot twist #27: Jetson and I are in love. This is strange because I have no true human emotions. Until today, I would have made a perfect co host on "Fox & Friends."

The only impossible part is the sex! It's like trying to figure out how the Statue of Liberty got onto the Planet of the Apes!

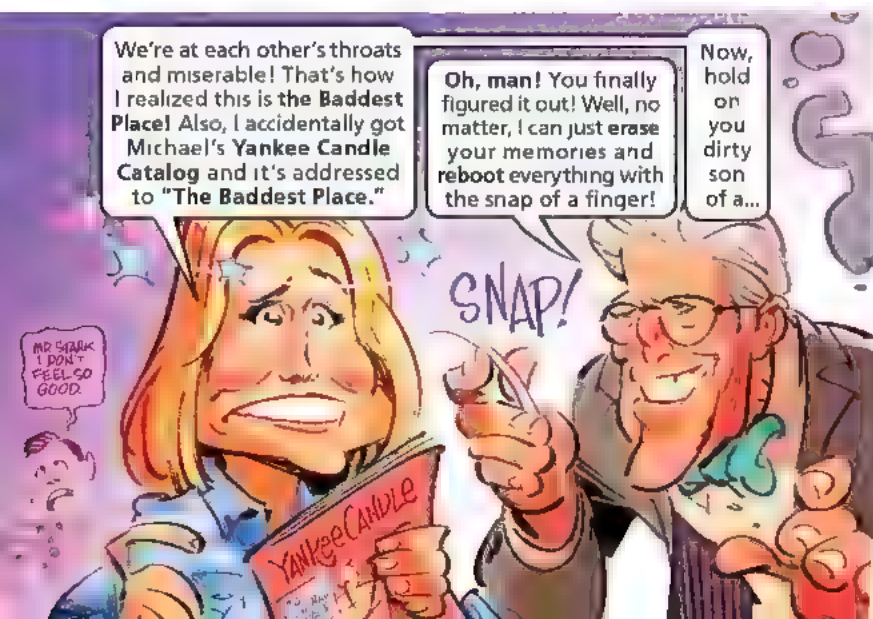


As an all-powerful Eternal Judge, I've decided that two of you must be sent to the Baddest Place. Decide among yourselves who will go, via Hegelian dialectic logic or strip Jenga, I don't care which

I say cast those filthy, lying creatures Hellenor and Jetson out of our paradise and let them burn for eternity. Because am a good person!

No, I'm to blame. I tried to save Hellenor but I couldn't, so I'll go. Unless I stay. It's impossible to decide. This is a true "Sophie's Choice!"

Yes! I vote that we send Sophie!

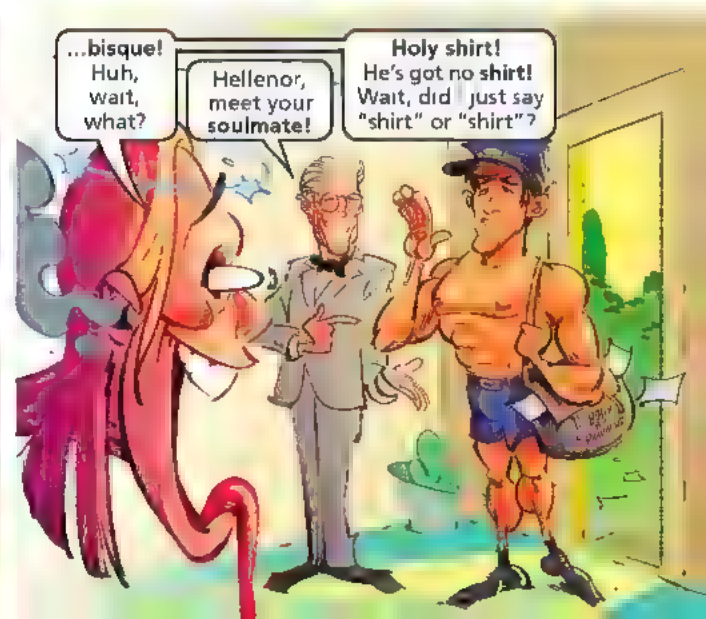


We're at each other's throats and miserable! That's how I realized this is the Baddest Place! Also, I accidentally got Michael's Yankee Candle Catalog and it's addressed to "The Baddest Place."

Oh, man! You finally figured it out! Well, no matter, I can just erase your memories and reboot everything with the snap of a finger!

Now, hold on you dirty son of a...

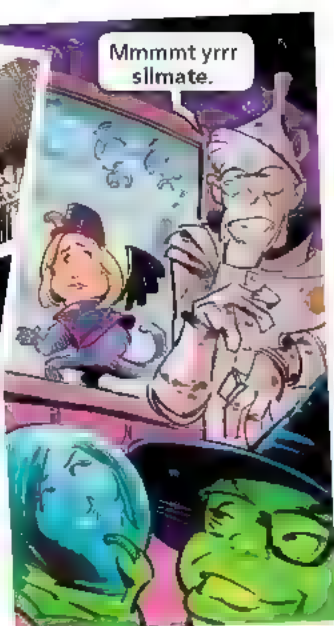
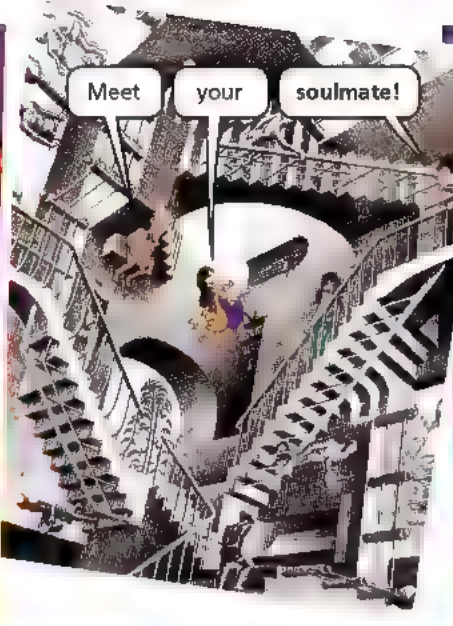
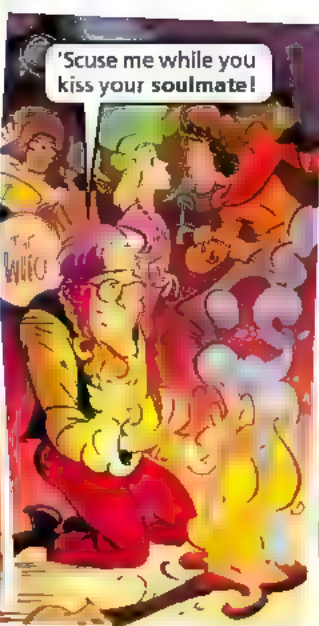
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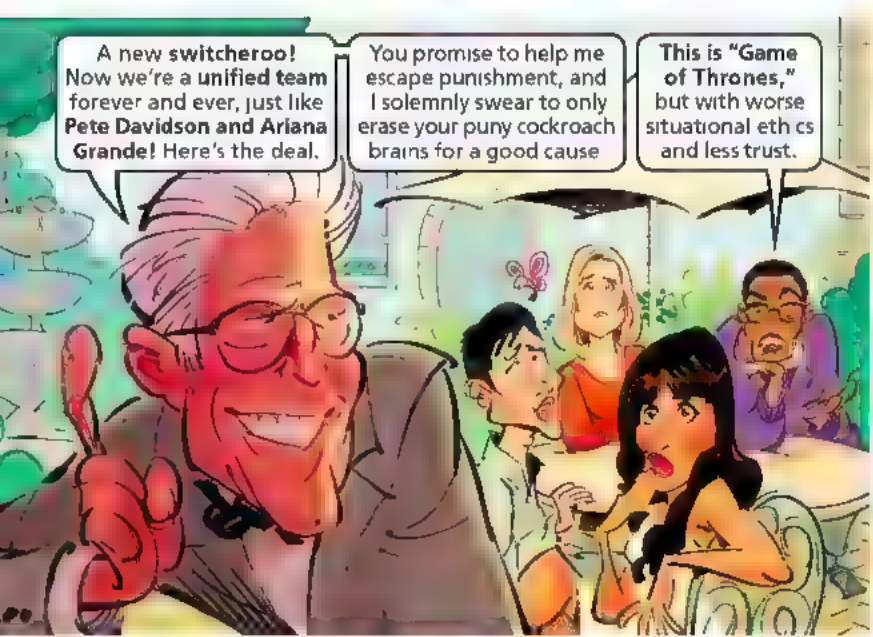
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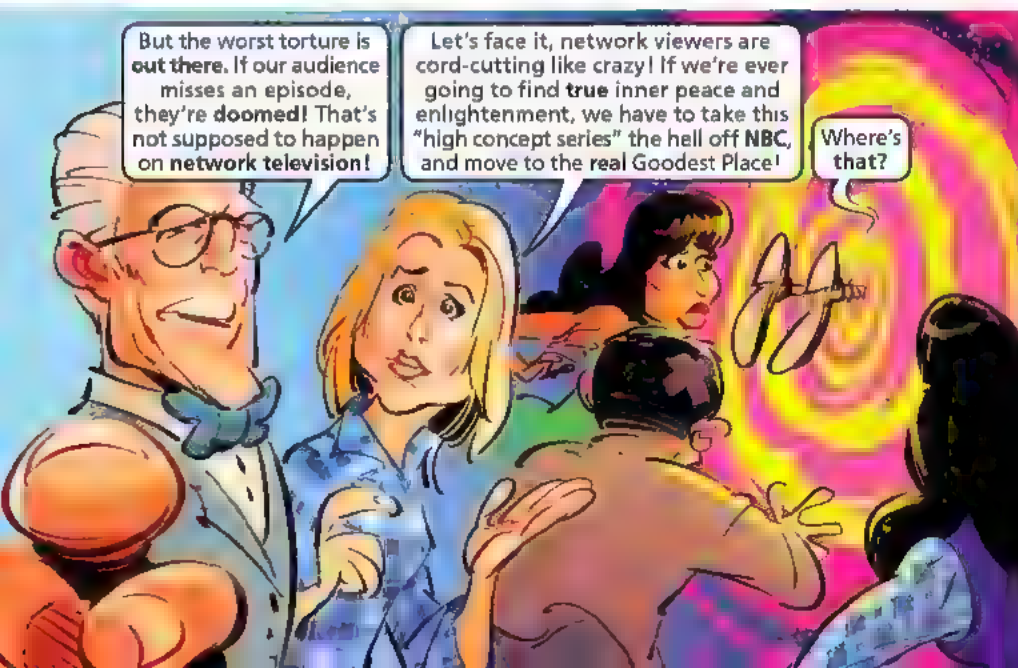
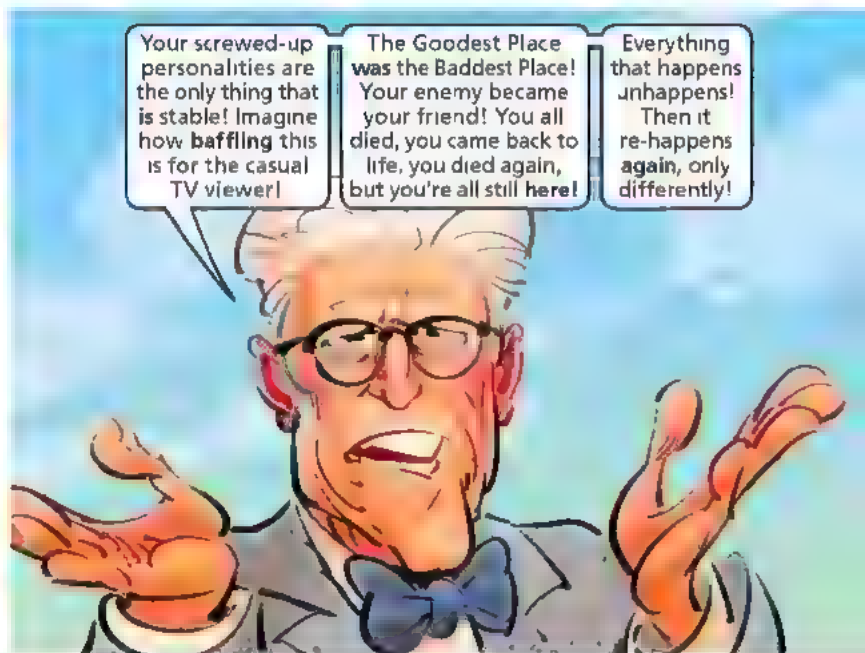
Hellenor, meet your soulmate!

Holy shirt! He's got no shirt! Wait, did I just say "shirt" or "shirt"?



"I wonder if Saint Peter and Satan have the same gate repair guy?"

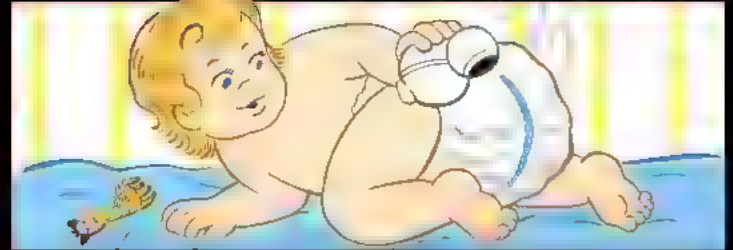






MODERN DAY BABY FIRSTS

Baby's First Butt Selfie



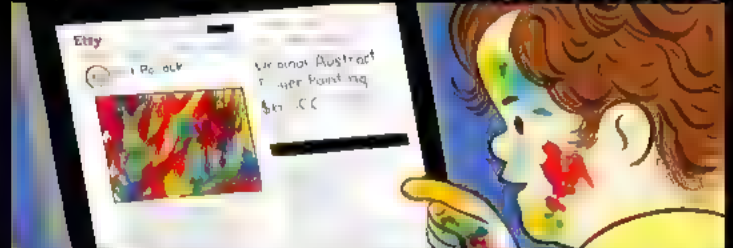
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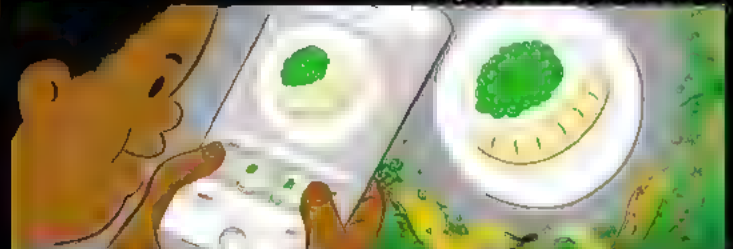
Baby's First "Please Hold" Moment



Baby's First Etsy Shop



Baby's First Brunch Photo



Baby's First Cleanse



KUPER

"Wilson here is with Deep State."

TARGET EYE & GENTLE PINKIE KUPER

WHITE MATT LASEN

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INSPIRING COACH MANTRAS YOU RARELY HEAR

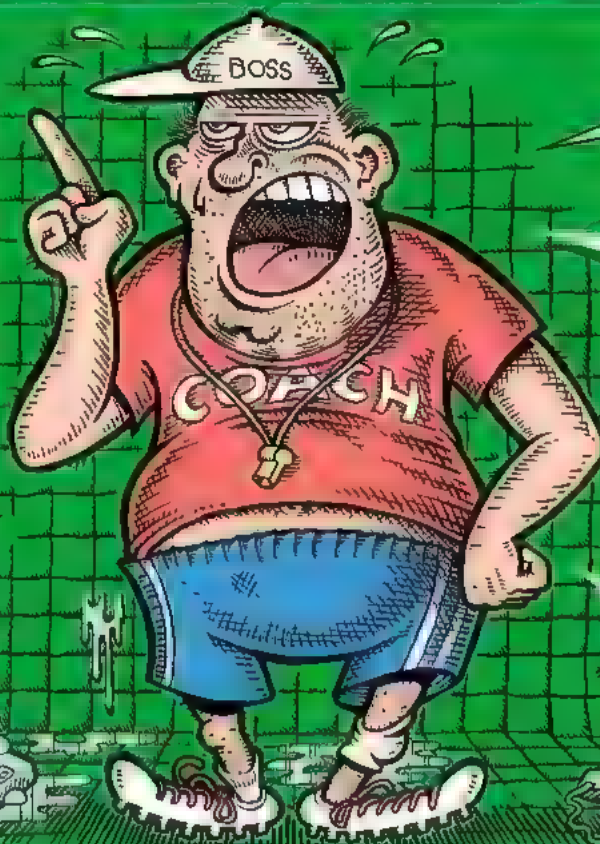
Winning isn't everything!
But losing is the only other
option, so...I'm not sure
where I was going with this.

Don't leave it all out on
the field! Save some effort
for the next game!

We have to control the
tempo out there! I didn't
take six years of tap for this.

The game isn't over
until both teams have
scored enough points
to win the "over" bet.

We need to take things
eight games at a time.



Larry Bird's not walking
through that door, although
Kevin McHale might!
I hear he's available.

If you lose but still give it
your all, then you're probably
just not very good!

Remember, there's no "I" in
"team"! Although there is one
in "franchise," and, of course,
there is a "me" in "team,"
so forget I said anything.

You miss 100% of
the shots you don't take.
I miss those tight little
basketball shorts
they used to wear!

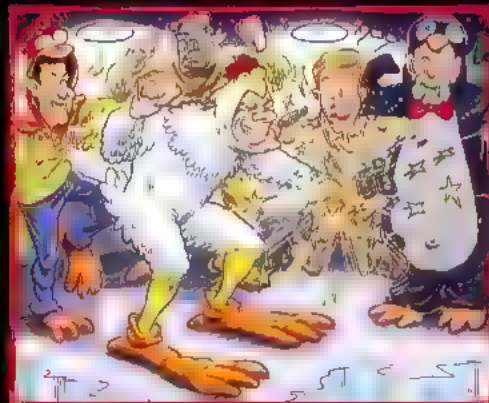
WRITER
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ARTIST

Most days are spent peering into pet store windows.

The guide seems to be making up species.

New members are hazed by "Big Ed."



SIGNS YOU'RE IN A BAD BIRDWATCHING GROUP

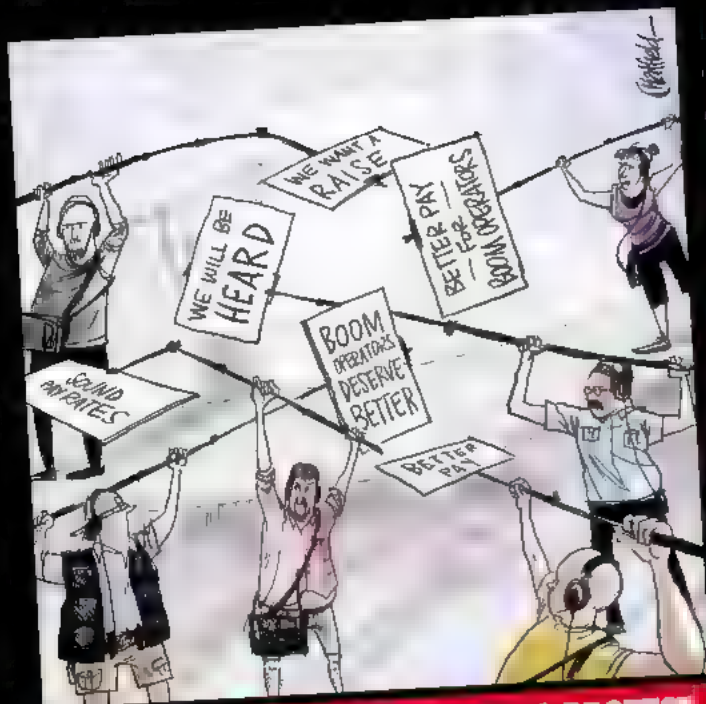
WRITER JEFF KRUSE
ARTIST BO STECKLEY



They count mascots as sightings.

They don't seem to understand what birds are.

The group's motto: "We live for danger."



BOOM OPERATORS PROTEST

WRITER & ARTIST
JASON CHATFIELD



"Okay, heh, so - when a mommy and daddy penguin love each other... y'know what? Let's take another call!"

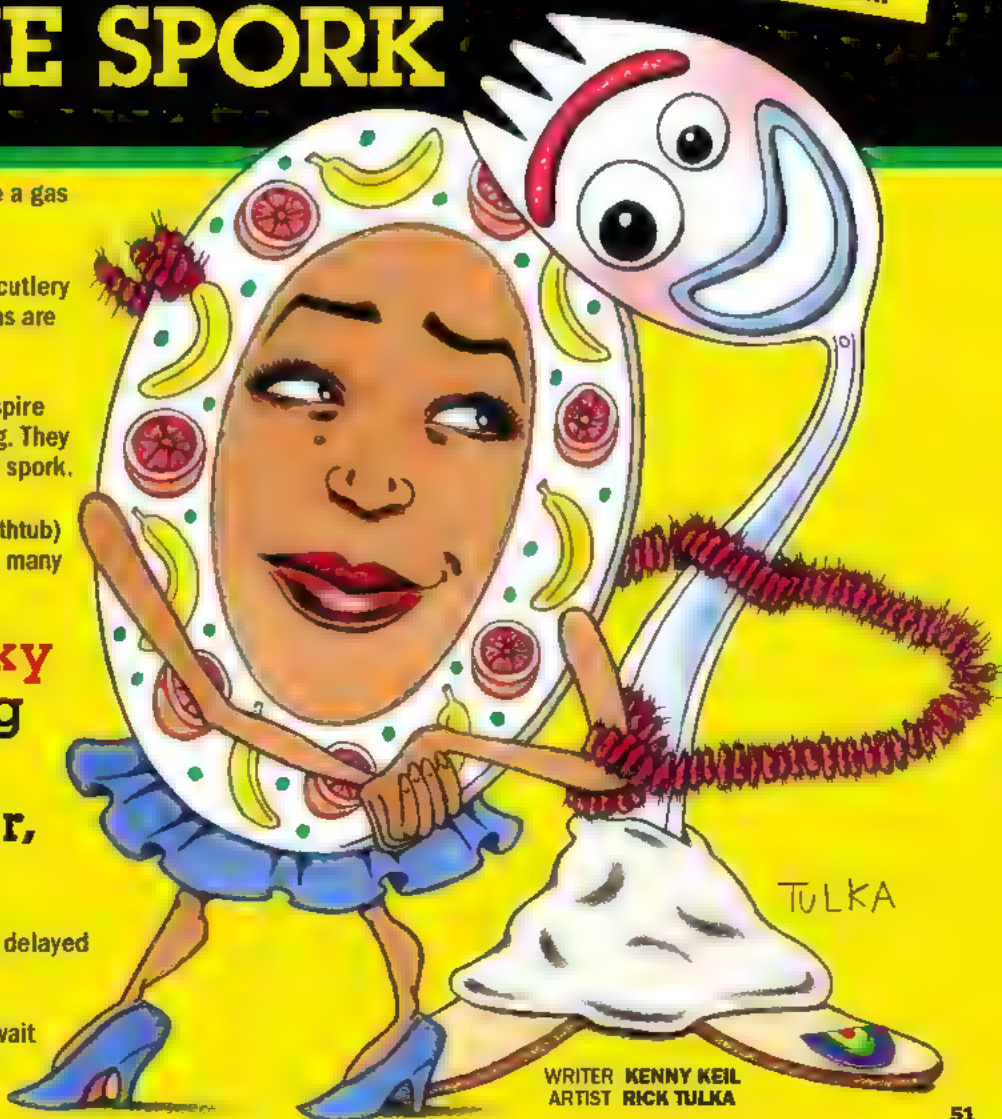
WRITER & ARTIST
LARS KENSETH

THE SCOOP ON FORKY THE SPORK FROM TOY STORY 4

- The idea for Forky came about shortly before a gas leak was discovered at the Pixar offices.
- The name "Forky" has upset thousands of cutlery enthusiasts who feel the spoon's contributions are being erased.
- Disney hopes Forky's simple design will inspire children to make their own toys. Just kidding. They want you to shell out 35 bucks for a plastic spork.
- Forky's love interest (an adorkable clawfoot bathtub) was cut from the film after Pixar received too many complaints about her being named Tubby.

Post filming, **Forky** was seen running away with his upcoming co-star, **Tiffany Ha-DISH**.

- The character has inspired the surprisingly delayed Weird Al parody, "Tine After Tine."
- If you think this new character is bad, just wait until you see Commodey, Plungey, Zappy the Electrical Outlet, and Tanky the Wife Beater.



WRITER KENNY KEIL
ARTIST RICK TULKA



SEVERAL BONES ABOUT IT

Dear MAD people,
As an avid reader of
MAD for decades,

I feel compelled to point out a glaring inconsistency in your Rejected Monster Cereals article. As a physician, I carefully observe nutritional labels. You may have thought that no one would take the time to read the fine, diagonal, slightly blurry printed labels on those cereals...Wrong. I was very disappointed to see that your Bone Pops (which, by your own admission, are literally just bones) fiber content and sugar content are EXACTLY the same as the Lurking Harms (containing spiders, slime, and glass). I mean, what are the odds? This head scratcher has made me lose several nights' sleep.

How can this possibly be?!



Bones would typically have at least 12 grams of fiber per serving, unless excessively osteoporotic. I do hope that you realize that deliberately falsifying nutritional information is a serious and punishable offense. Please consider the children whose lives you may adversely affect.

Sincerely, **Dr. David Rebuck, D.O. Hamilton, NY**

Reprlmandin' Rebuck—Thank you for pointing out this glaring error, which we will now frame as a carefully planted trap! We knew a detail so slipshod would never go undetected by our keen-eyed readers, so we intentionally repeated the nutritional info as a test, which you passed! Congratulations! Be on the lookout for even more deliberately sown gaffes in future issues, and congratulate yourself as you find them, since we only have so much space in the letters section!

—Alex Taffer,
MAD Intern and
Chief Letter Answerer

GIRL, CORRUPTED

Dear MAD, Being a lifelong reader of MAD, I recently introduced my 9-year-old granddaughter Kylee to MAD Magazine, and as you can tell from the picture, it appears I've done **irreversible damage** and she's **hooked for life.**

Keep up the good work, MAD, I plan on introducing you to her 4-month-old sister very soon.

Jack McGinley, via email

Jack and the 'Zine Talk—This photo makes all our loafing around, pretending to be busy totally worth it! We hope Kylee came away from the issue with a strong antiauthoritarian streak that made her like you more than she likes her parents (the objective of every grandparent). A note for Kylee's sister, though—MAD Magazine is not recommended for teething. —AT





ALFRED LOOK-ALIKE

Who is this rough-looking frontiersman? He sure does look a lot like Alfred E. Neuman! We bumped into this character in **Dead Frontier**, forming up a Wild West version of the Usual Gang of Idiots. If you'd like to bump into him, too, add **Dead Frontier** as your PlayStation Network friend, and perhaps you can posse up. It could even end up on MAD's Twitch channel:

twitch.tv/madmagazine

SPY BROTHER, AND ME

Dear MAD, I'm 12 years old and love your stuff! The last issue was priceless, as in, so bad I shouldn't have to pay! I love Sergio Aragonés' work and the Shorts & Briefs pages are hilarious. My brother and I both like *Spy vs. Spy*, but compared to our fights, they're nothing! Anyways, thanks for this incredibly useless waste of paper my brother and I call MAD Magazine!

Hunter Bartel, BC, Canada

Sick burns, Bartelboy—but you and your brother have bested us for the last time! Now, hey, wait a minute, what type of fighting are you guys doing that puts the spies to shame?! We hope we don't have to call the cops. They don't take too kindly to us after we called 9-1-1 to order an emergency pizza for the MAD offices. —AT

SPY BROTHER,

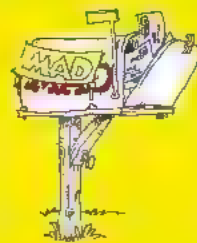


A GIFT FROM SANTA ANA

MAD Magazine first entered our household with Issue #35. I fell in love with Issue #52. It remained my favorite issue until I recently received re-numbered Issue #4. I am a huge Svengoolie fan, we Lovecraft fans thrilled to "Cthasper." "The Ghostlygun Tinies" also rocks, as do Aragonés, *Spy vs. Spy*, Tom Bunk, "The Potrzebie of Fear."

So, in my revised ranking of my fave issues of MAD, the Top 3 are:

1. Recent, re-numbered Issue #4.
Kudos to the Usual Gang of Idiots!
2. Issue #52, biding its time in my garage.
3. Comic Book Issue #4.



I can hardly wait until y'all surpass Neo-# 4.
Bob Gorby Santa Ana, CA

Adorby Gorby: Thank you for validating the new MAD to be as worthy of your Top 3 list as the old MAD. One thing, though: you know there are over 550 other issues that need ranking, right? Please try to knock out a proper, complete ranking and check back in with us sometime in the next 62 years or so. —AT

Hellooo! Just wanted to say that I have been a fan of MAD Magazine (Who me?) for many, many years, ever since I was a preteen when my brother (eight years older) introduced it to me. I may not have understood all of the satire, but I loved to read it. This went on for years until I met my future husband who also liked MAD Magazine (definitely a good trait in a mate). Children and jobs began to cut into adult reading, but I would pick up a magazine at times. Rediscovered MAD again recently, but for some reason it is different now, not sure why though (me older and wiser?). However, I have to compliment you on the article in the recent December 2018 issue—"The Ghastlygun Tinies."

It was very emotional for me to read and I almost cried as I read it more than one time.

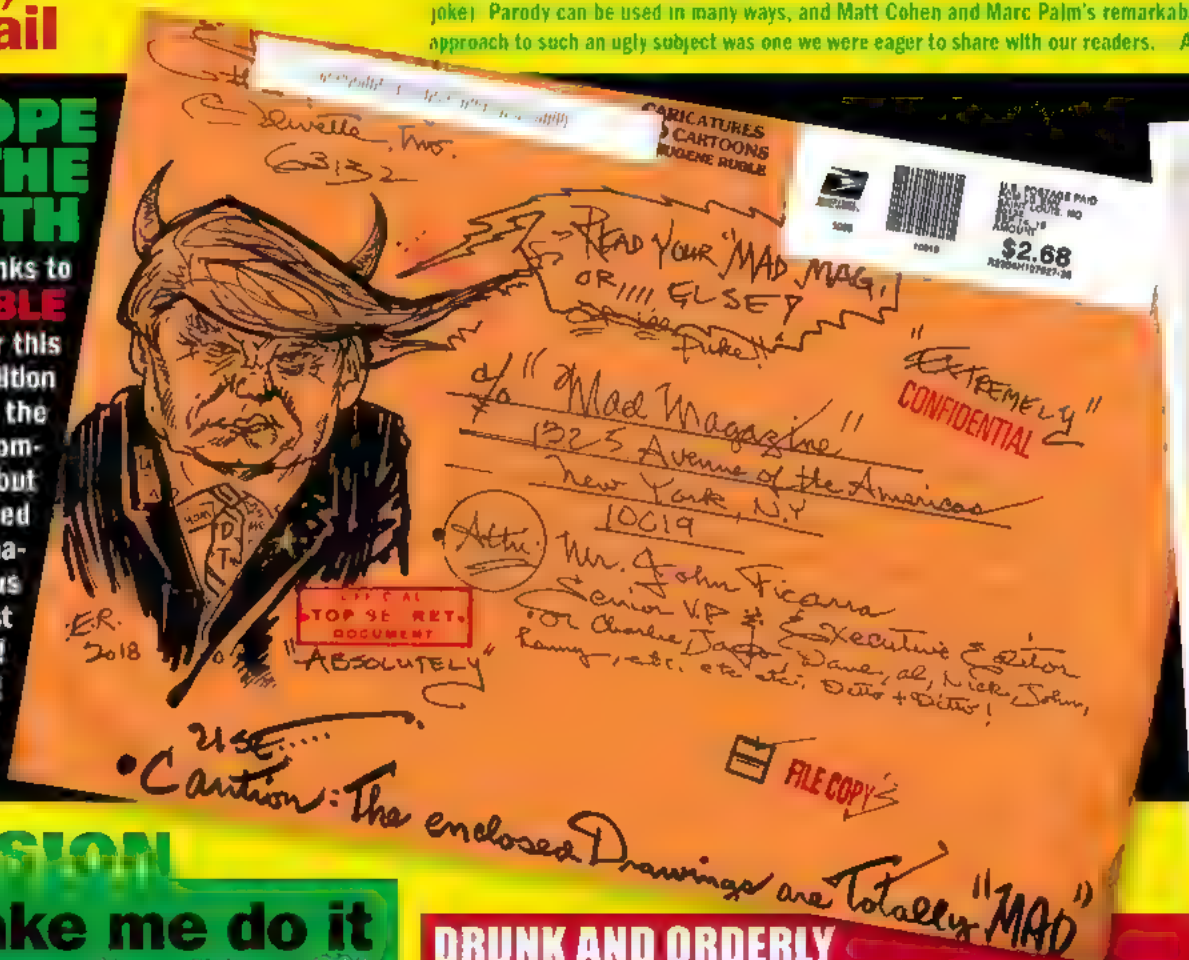
I thought it was sadly too true to life. Thank you for including it in your magazine this time.

A fifty-plus-years fan, Martha, via email

Misty Martha—Get the heck outta town you're making us blush! We are certainly humbled by the response to "The Ghastlygun Tinies," which continued the MAD tradition of confronting society's ills honestly (even if it means going four pages without a single joke). Parody can be used in many ways, and Matt Cohen and Marc Palm's remarkable approach to such an ugly subject was one we were eager to share with our readers. —AT

ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH

Thanks to **EUGENE RUBLE** of Olivette, MO, for this strikingly realistic rendition of Individual 1. Well, the devil horns haven't completely grown in yet, but sometimes they need a full term to reach maturity. Eugene tells us that he's been an artist for over 50 years! Wow! That's almost as long as our president has been a slumlord! —AT



2020 VISION

Don't make me do it

I have read every issue since January 1966 and own all the earlier issues, including the comic book issues, except for five. I have been trying since I was a much younger kid to get my letter in your rag. If you don't print my letter I will vote for Trump in 2020. If he wins by one vote it will be your fault.

SINCERELY
YOURS,

**THE BRATT
MATHEW MANNINO
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS, MN**

Manipulative Mat the Bratt—We need proof! When you vote, snap a pic of your ballot and send it our way. Doing so is illegal and will invalidate your vote, so we'll be off the hook! Genius! —AT

DRUNK AND ORDERLY

After much consideration (and a few beers), I have raised your magazine to position 4 on my monthly perusal list. It is as follows: **1. Money** (obviously), **2. Smithsonian** (pretend to be smart), **3. Time** (got it cheap), **4. MAD** (up from 5), and last **5. Reader's Digest** (down from 4). No thank you is expected.

Jim Lanctot, via email

Lanky Tot—Whoa! Take that, Reader's Digest and their holty-loity poetry contests (we assume they have poetry contests)! But seriously, Jim, how many beers will it take to get us to the top of your list? Make sure that the next time you update this list you're in full-on party mode, THEN let us know how we fare! —AT

Each day we receive emails in letters ranging from "sassy" to "angry." We should report this to the proper authorities. And though most are allowed to be fed into the MAD team's shredder, occasionally we identify one as a perfect candidate for...

THE MADifesto

Two Dogs  Boning
BRAND BEER

Dear MAD,

I'm looking to buy ad space within your magazine. I understand that you don't normally run ads, but I think that once you learn a little more about me and my product you'll immediately change your tune. My name is Bowen Darling and I am the CEO of Two Dogs Boning Beer.

Our small, dedicated staff works day and night to brew the finest beer you've ever tasted. And then, when it's finally met our impossibly high standards, we pour the beer into bottles that have a picture of two dogs having sex on them and ship them to our thirsty customers all over the United States.

Let me tell you: no matter how perfect you think your product is, when it's released into the world, people will quickly find the one problem with it that you didn't even realize was there. Heck, I remember when Dippin' Dots first came out and everyone said, "Well, I see the dots, but where's the dip?" All of our negative feedback was about one thing in particular: our logo, which depicts two dogs making love.

So I looked at the logo and thought, "How could I have been so stupid?" There were several changes I needed to make, and I needed to make them fast.

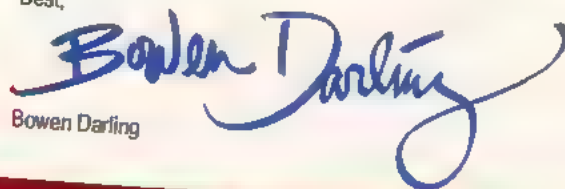
First things first: change the breed of the two dogs that are having sex. The original dogs in the logo were beagles, which—let's face it—are old news. Now it's a pair of 2019's most beloved dog, the golden retriever.

Secondly, the logo didn't change color based on the temperature of the beer! This was just unacceptable. With our new labels, when the beer reaches 90 degrees (the average temperature of a dog while it's having sex), the dogs on the logo will turn bright red. That way, the customer knows when their beer is way, way too hot.

Lastly, I reflected on how this whole thing began, as a family company. I could think of no better way to remind people of that than to put a man on the logo, pointing at the dogs and yelling, "They're brothers!"

I've enclosed a picture of Two Dogs Boning Beer's new, perfected logo, and would love nothing more than to see it debut within the confines of your magazine. I truly believe that with your help, we could make "toss me a cold Two Dogs Boning" a household phrase.

Best,


Bowen Darling



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Sometimes it's not enough for us to have your fan mail—we also want your SOUL. Well, we finally figured out a way to take that from you: Just send us a true story about something STUPID you actually did, and acclaimed cartoonist **Mike Holmes** might make it into a comic strip! It's...

REAL, DUMB



This issue's story submitted by **Robbie Papenfus**.

Have a real, dumb story that happened to you? Want to share your shame with the world by having it illustrated in MAD? Write it up and send it to realdumb@madmagazine.com! If it's dumb enough, we'll make it into a comic!

All stories submitted to realdumb@madmagazine.com may be edited (including changing the names of people or places mentioned in the story), illustrated at MAD's discretion, and published in MAD's Real, Dumb feature or in any MAD publication in any format and will not be returned.

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PLACE IN HOLLYWOOD
WHERE ACTRESSES
ARE SAFE FROM
SEXUAL HARASSMENT
AND ABUSE?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS **MAD FOLD-IN**

It seems that every few weeks there is news of another entertainment figure being exposed as a sexual predator. To discover the only place where their victims can take refuge, fold page in as shown.



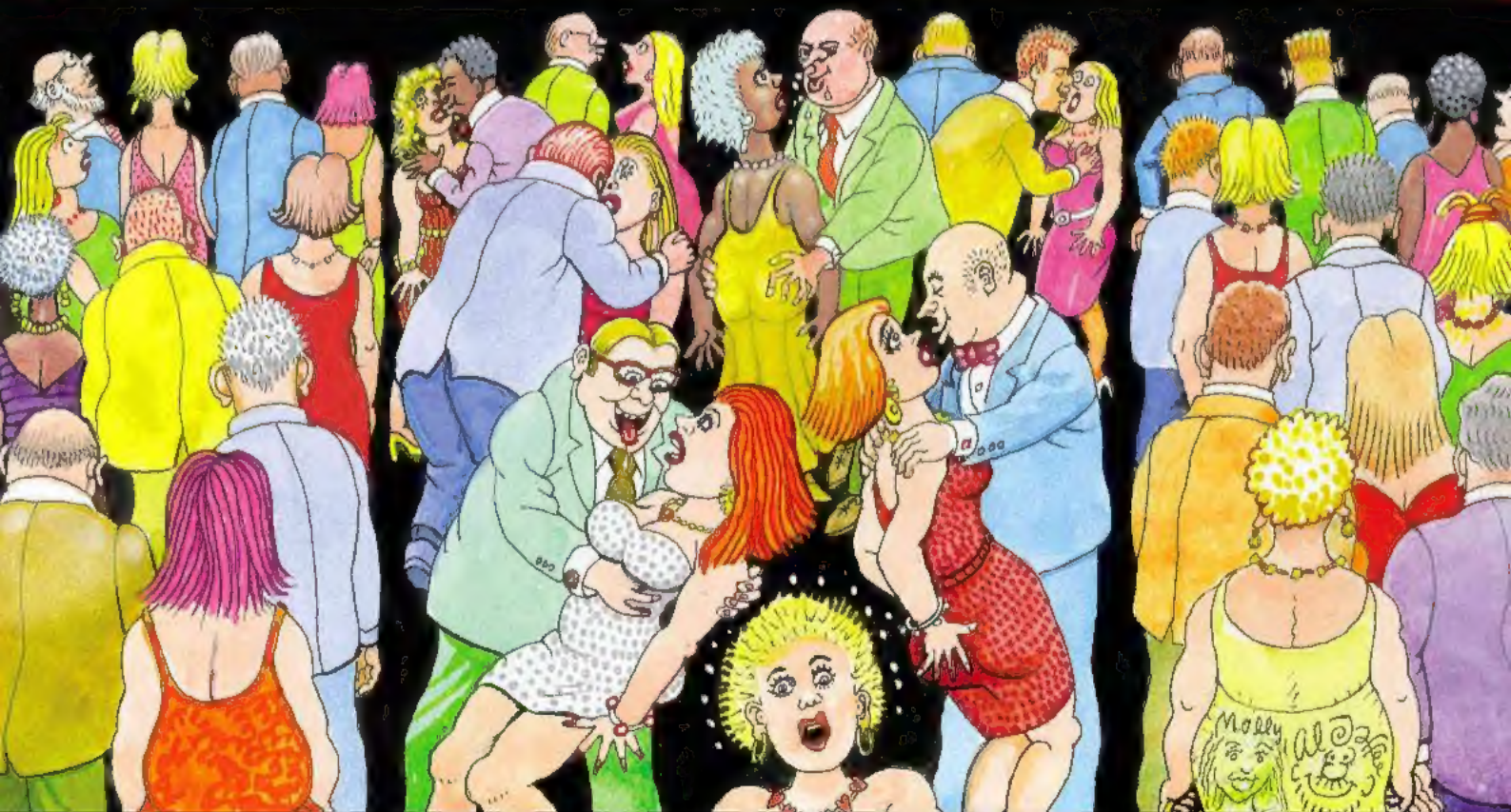
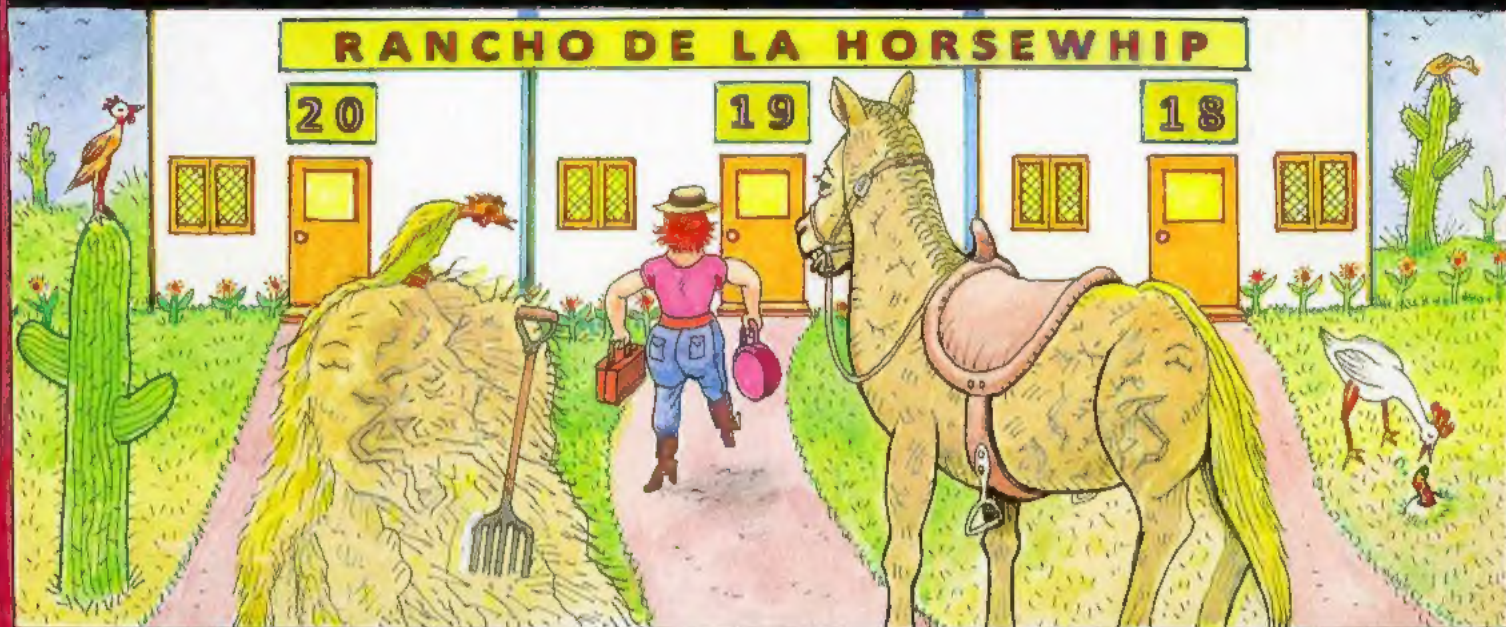
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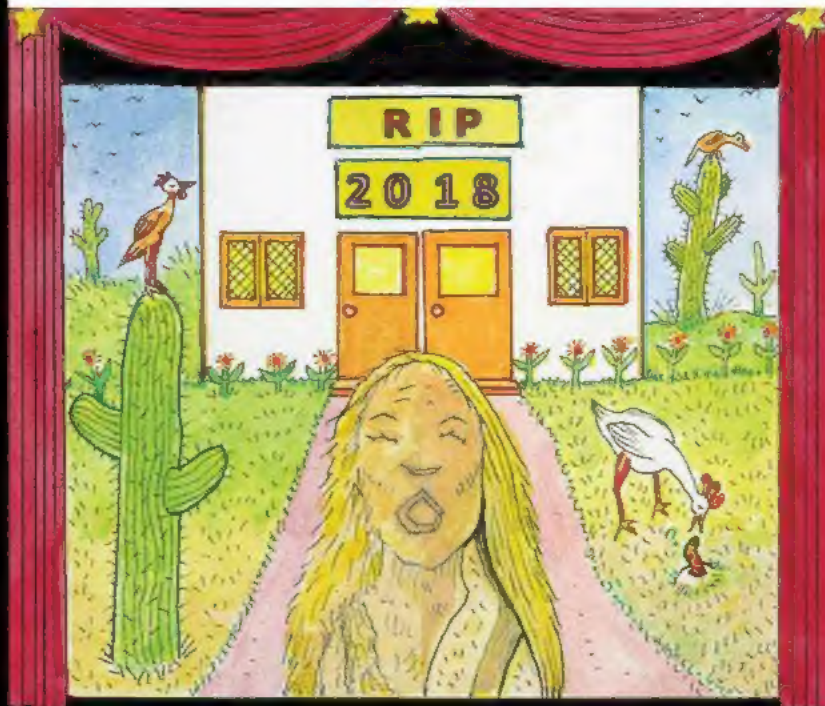
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